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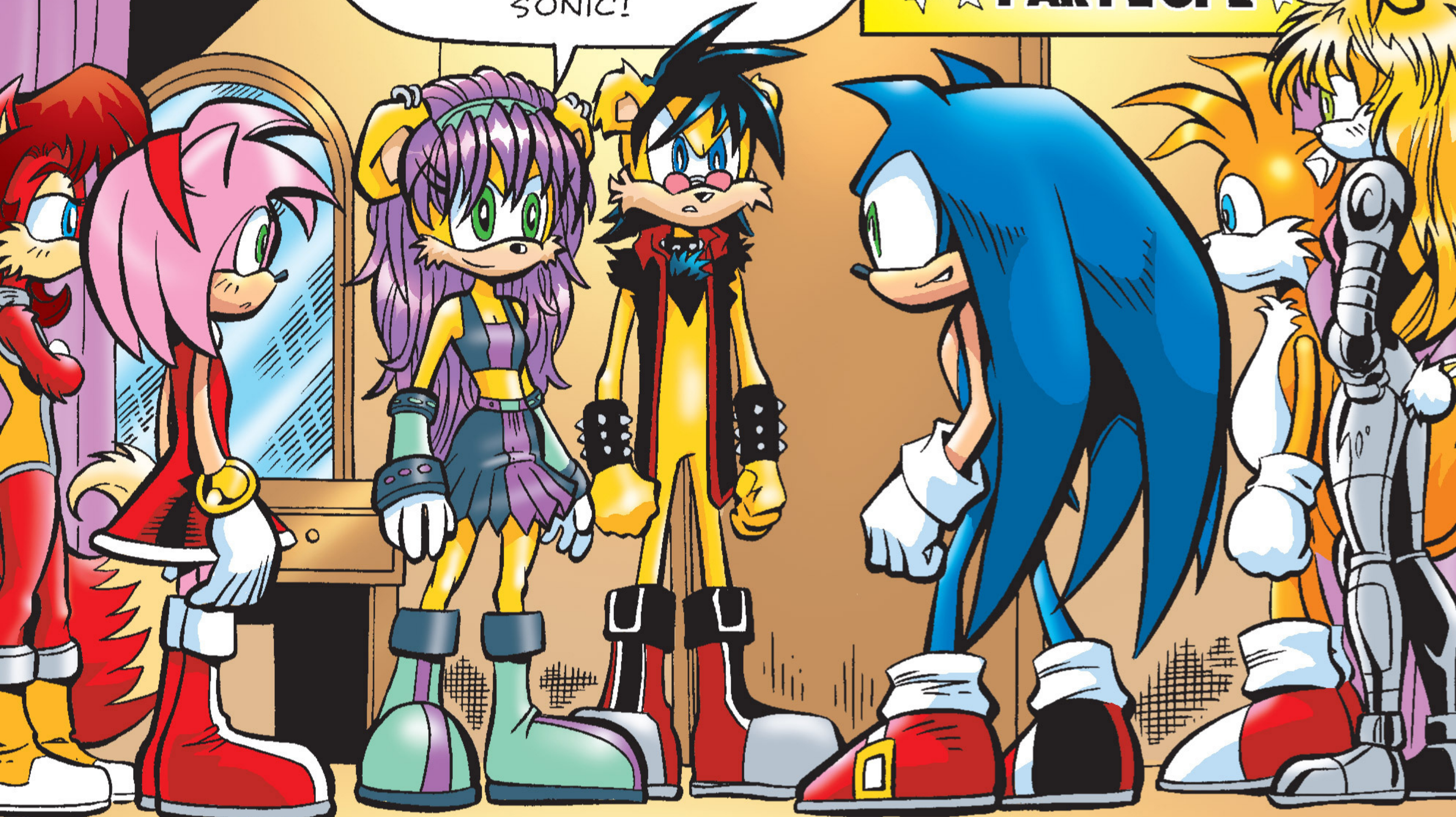


TARGET!

S UNSET
HILL--
KNOT-
HOLE.

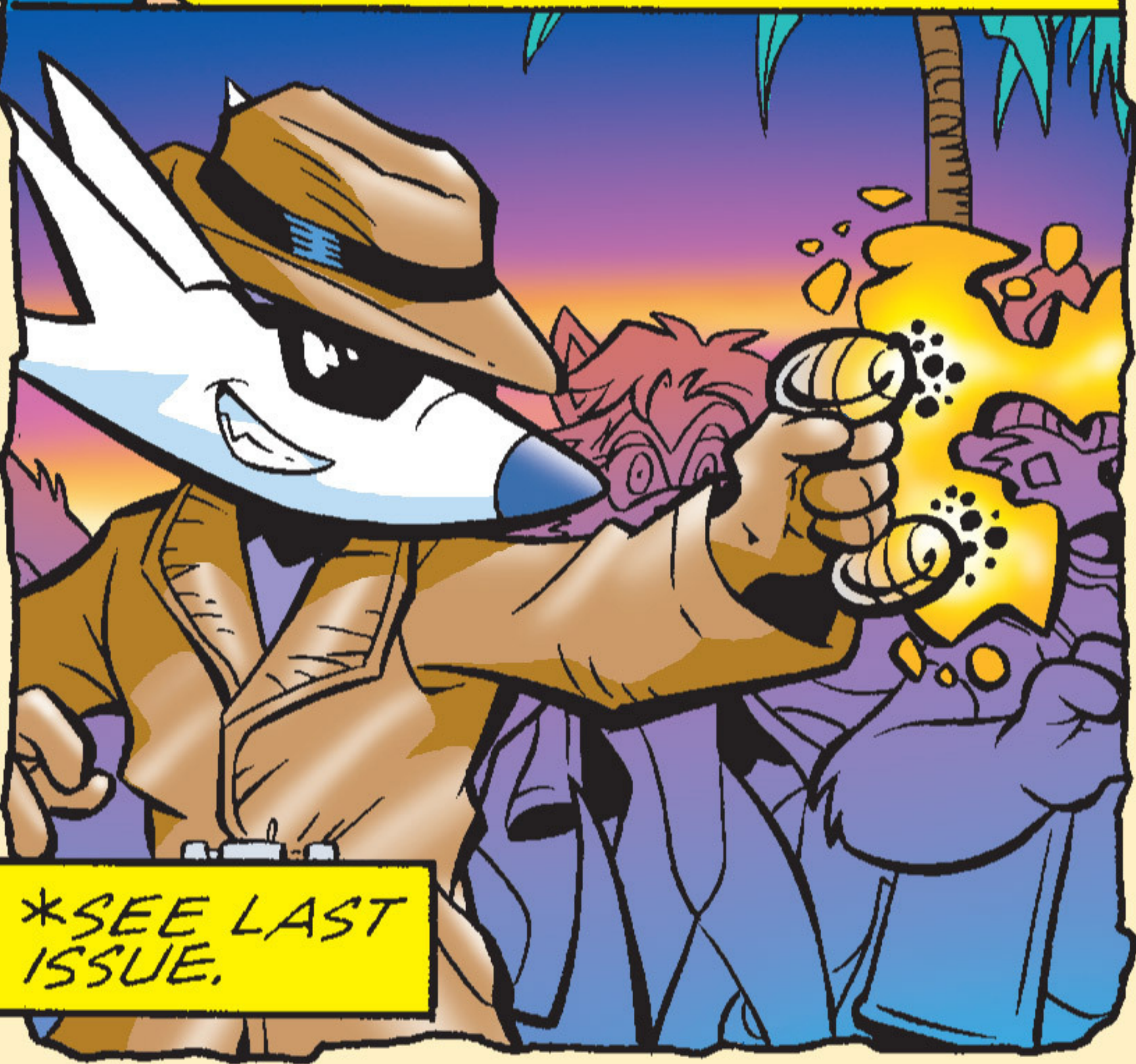
I FEEL SO MUCH SAFER
KNOWING THAT *PRINCESS*
SALLY HAS ASSIGNED YOU
AND THE REST OF THE
FREEDOM FIGHTERS
TO PROTECT ME AT
TONIGHT'S *CONCERT*,
SONIC!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
SONGOOSE
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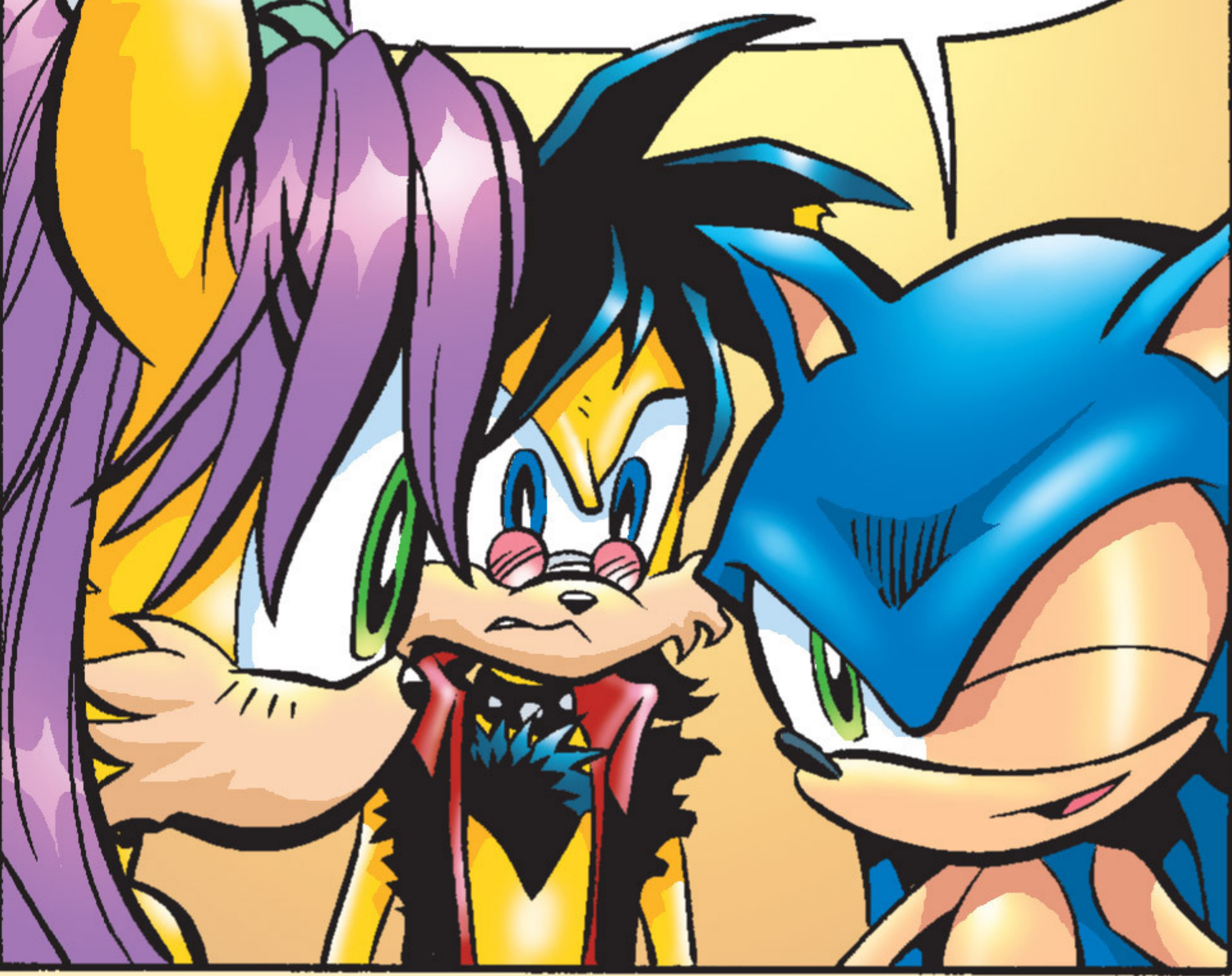
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"WELL, AFTER NACK
THE WEASEL'S BOTCHED
ASSASSINATION
ATTEMPT,* WE DIDN'T
WANT TO TAKE ANY
CHANCES, MINA..."



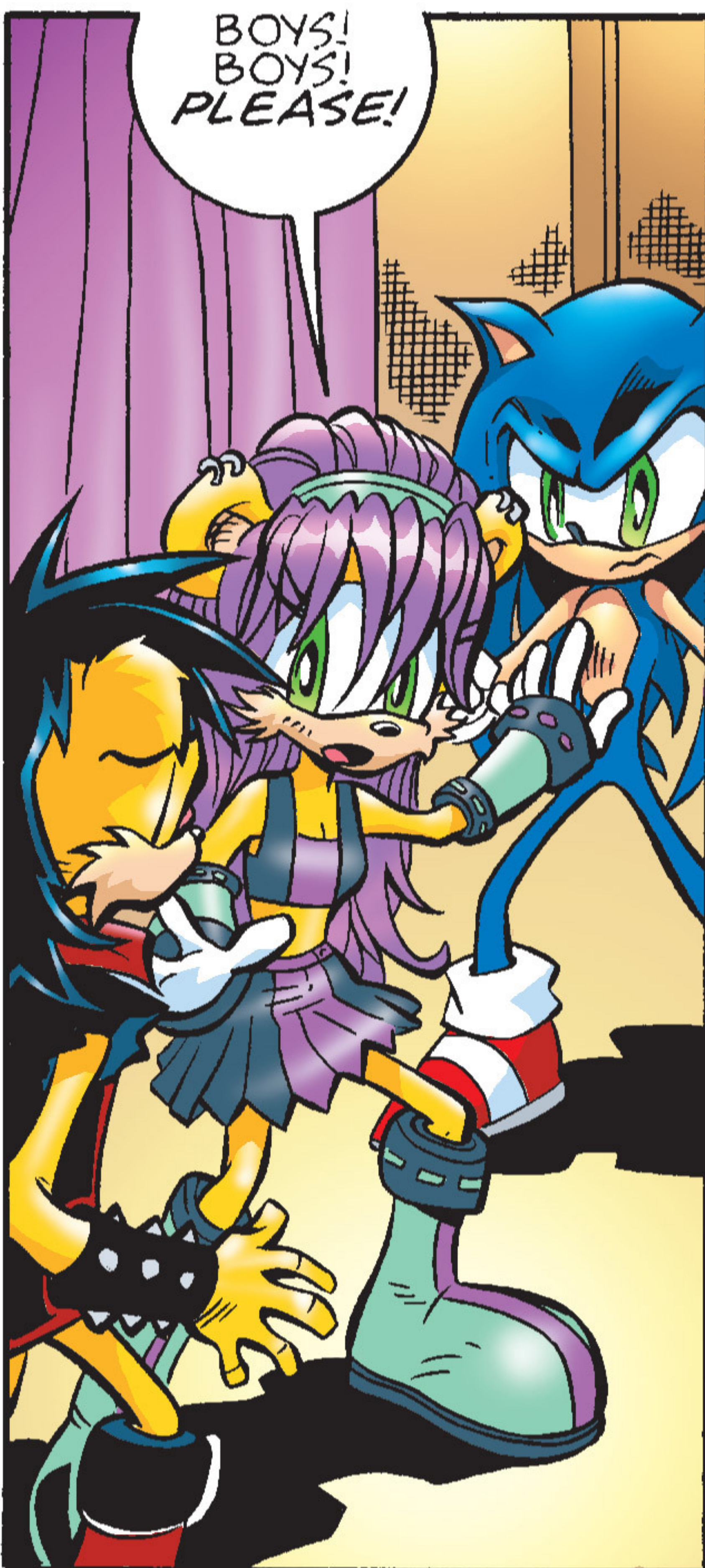
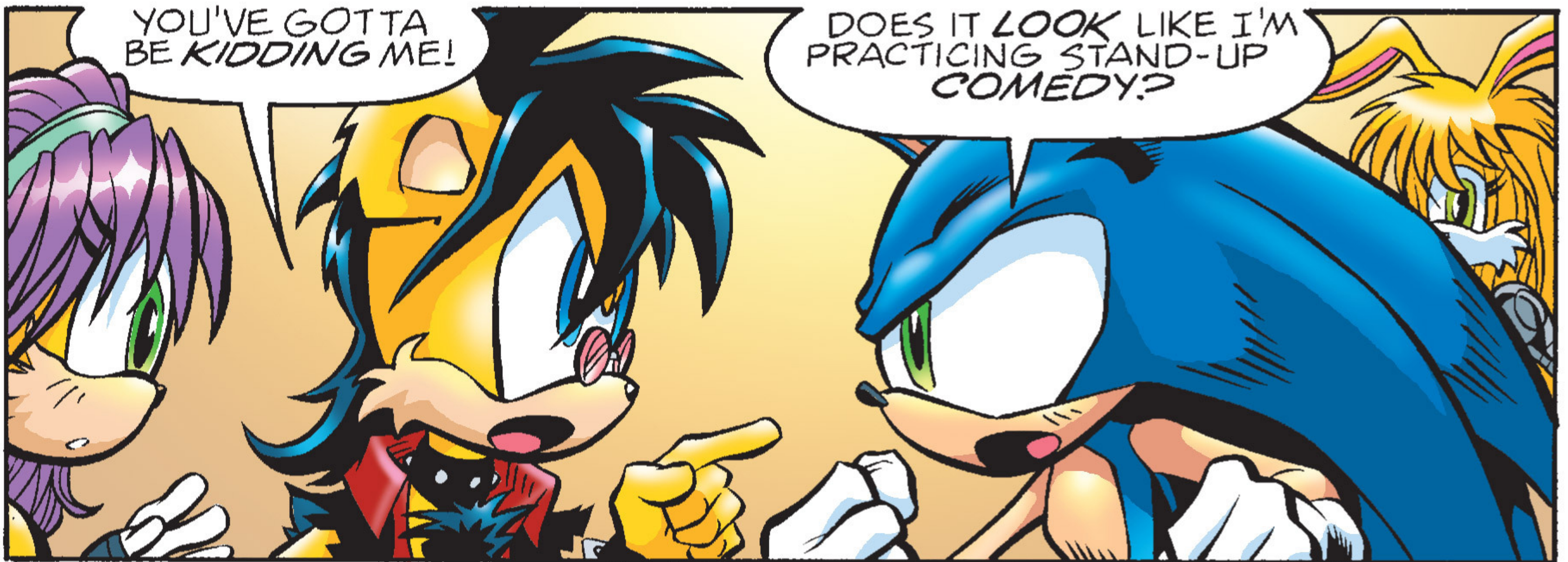
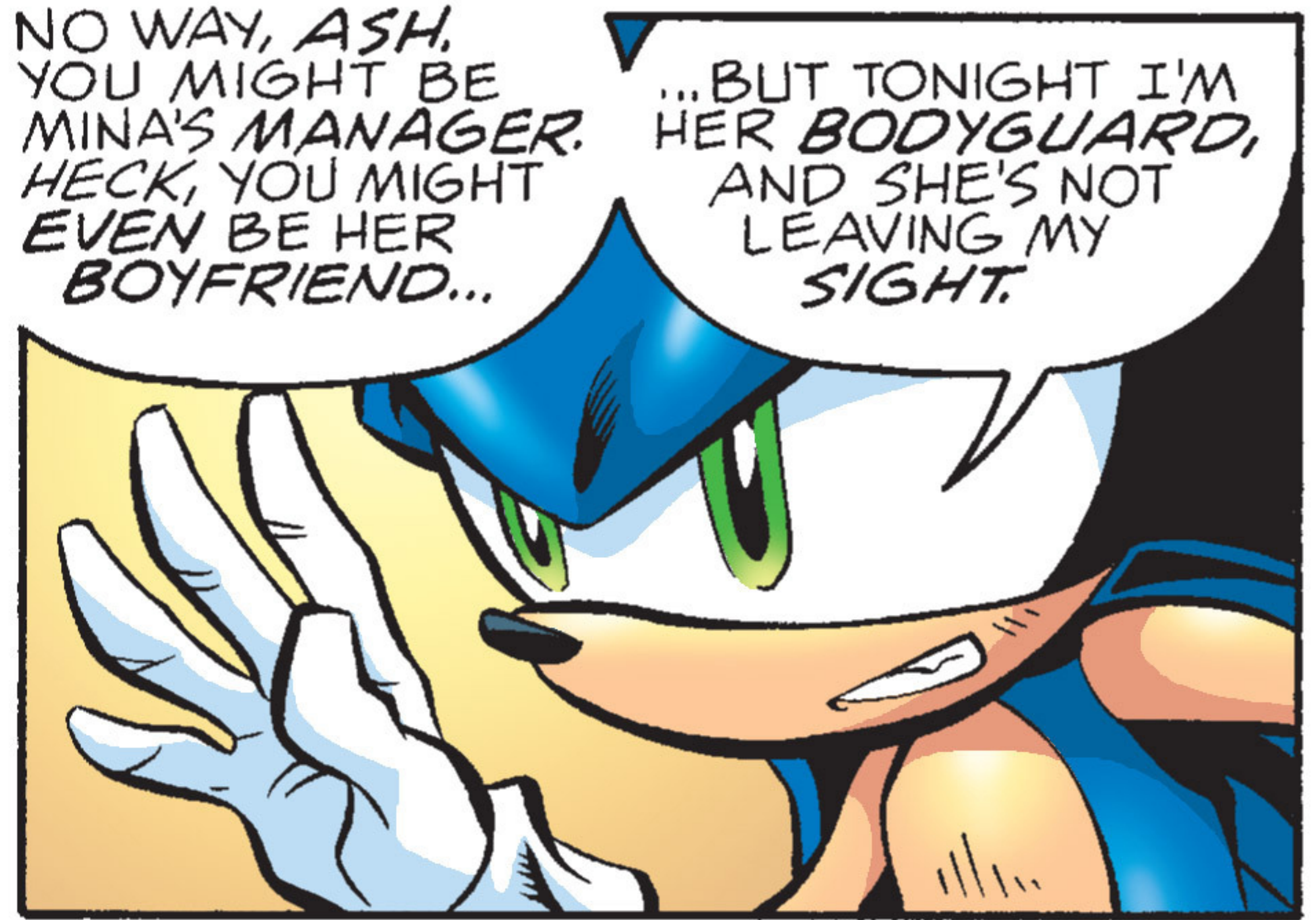
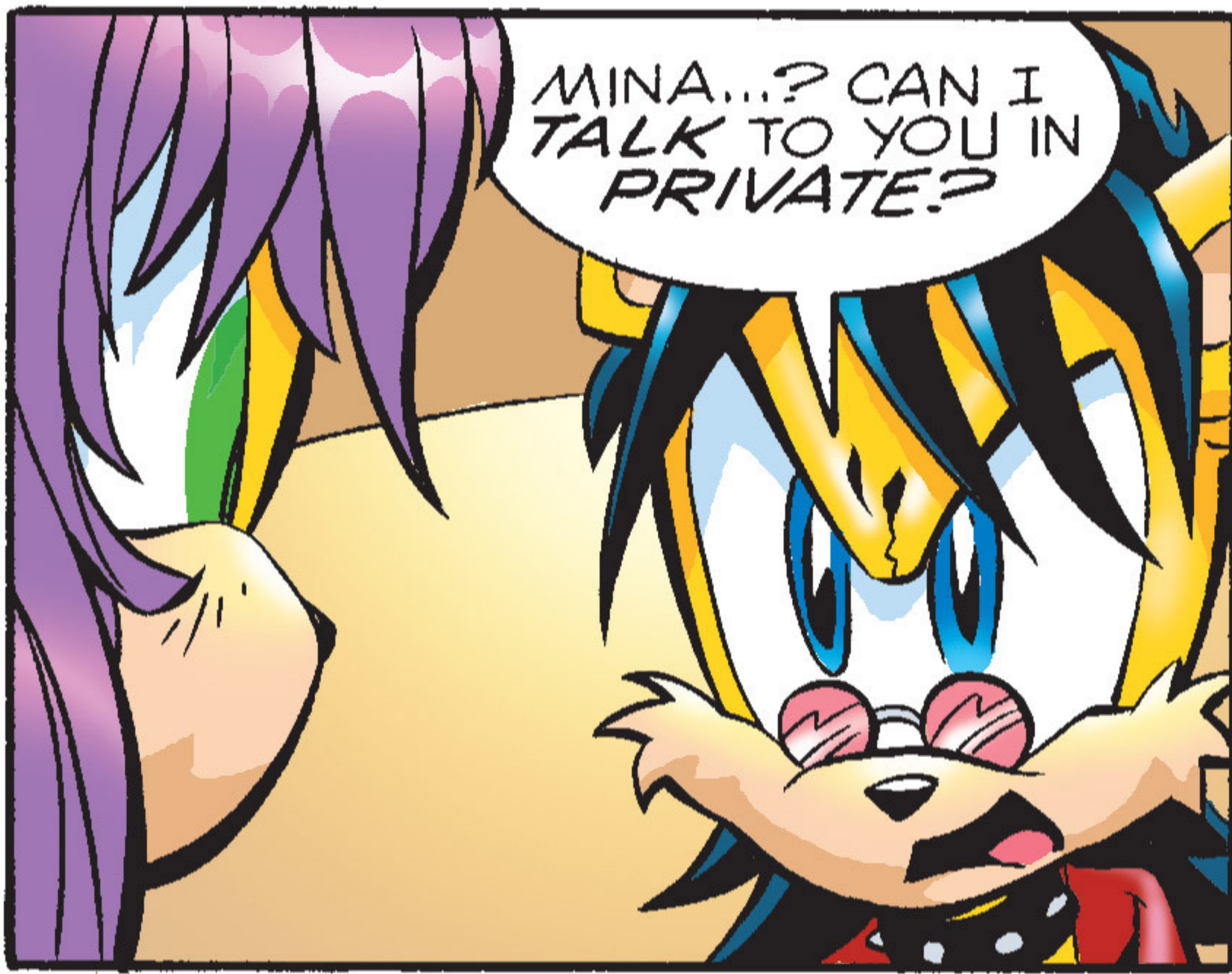
*SEE LAST
ISSUE.

...AND IF *DOCTOR ROBOTNIK* HATES
YOUR MUSIC SO MUCH THAT HE'S
WILLING TO PUT A *HIT* ON YOU, THAT'S
JUST ONE *MORE* REASON FOR THE
REST OF THE PLANET TO
LISTEN TO IT!



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ASH, WHAT'S THE MATTER?

I THINK WE SHOULD CANCEL TONIGHT'S CONCERT, MINA -- IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!

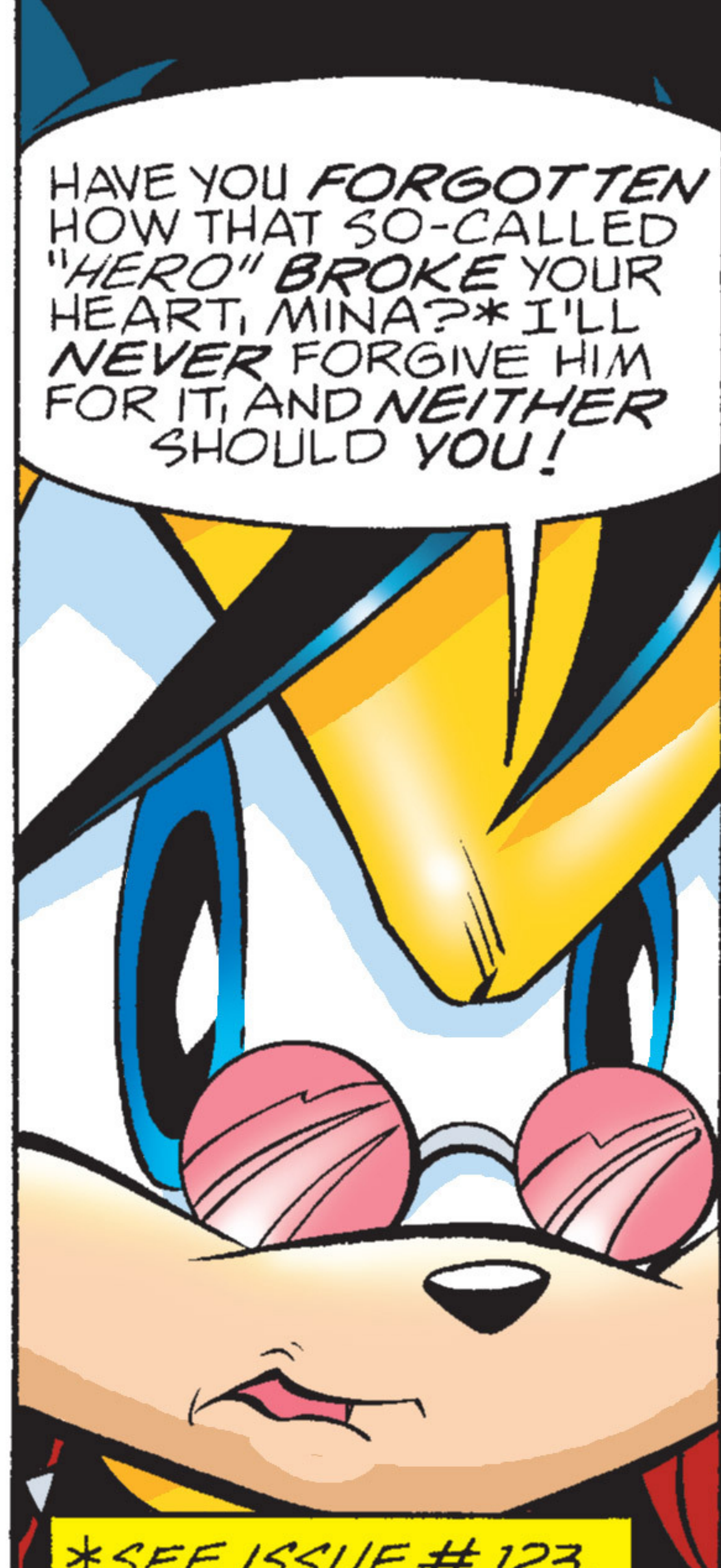
HOW CAN YOU EVEN SUGGEST SUCH A THING?

IF I WERE TO QUIT NOW, I'D BE LETTING DOWN ALL MY FANS! BESIDES, WITH SONIC ON THE JOB--

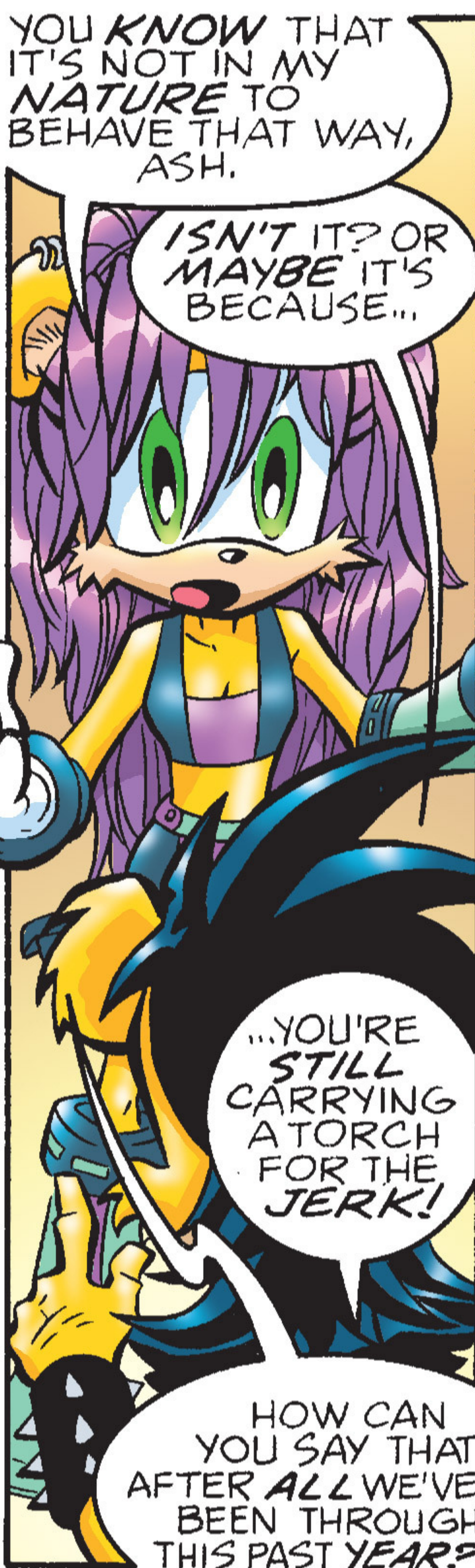


OH, HIM AGAIN.

WHY ON MOBIUS DO YOU HATE HIM SO MUCH?! HE'S A HERO!



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YOU KNOW THAT IT'S NOT IN MY NATURE TO BEHAVE THAT WAY, ASH.

ISN'T IT? OR MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE...

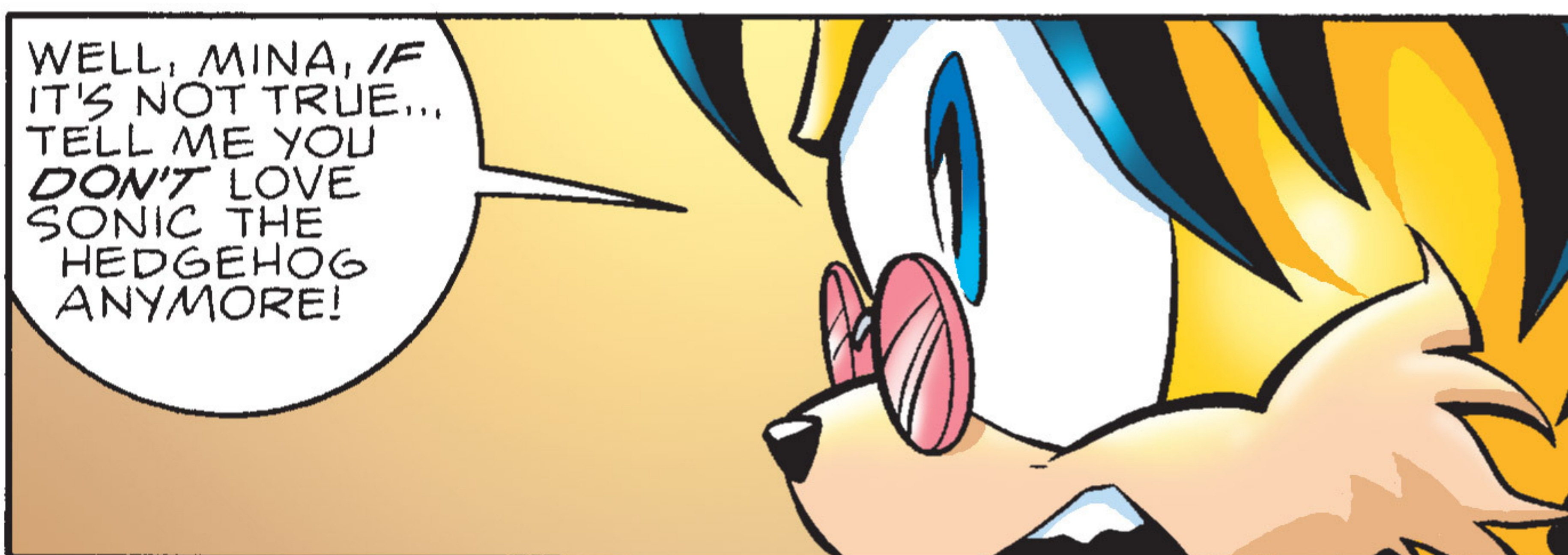
...YOU'RE STILL CARRYING A TORCH FOR THE JERK!

HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS PAST YEAR?



BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF YOUR SONG LYRICS ARE WRITTEN ABOUT HIM!

WHAT?! THAT'S NOT TRUE!



WELL, MINA, IF IT'S NOT TRUE... TELL ME YOU DON'T LOVE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ANYMORE!



THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

FROM NOW ON, WHAT DO YOU SAY I STICK TO JUST BEING YOUR MANAGER?

MEANWHILE...

WHOA.

WHAT
A MAJOR
TURNOUT!
CAN MINA
PACK THE
HOUSE OR
WHAT?

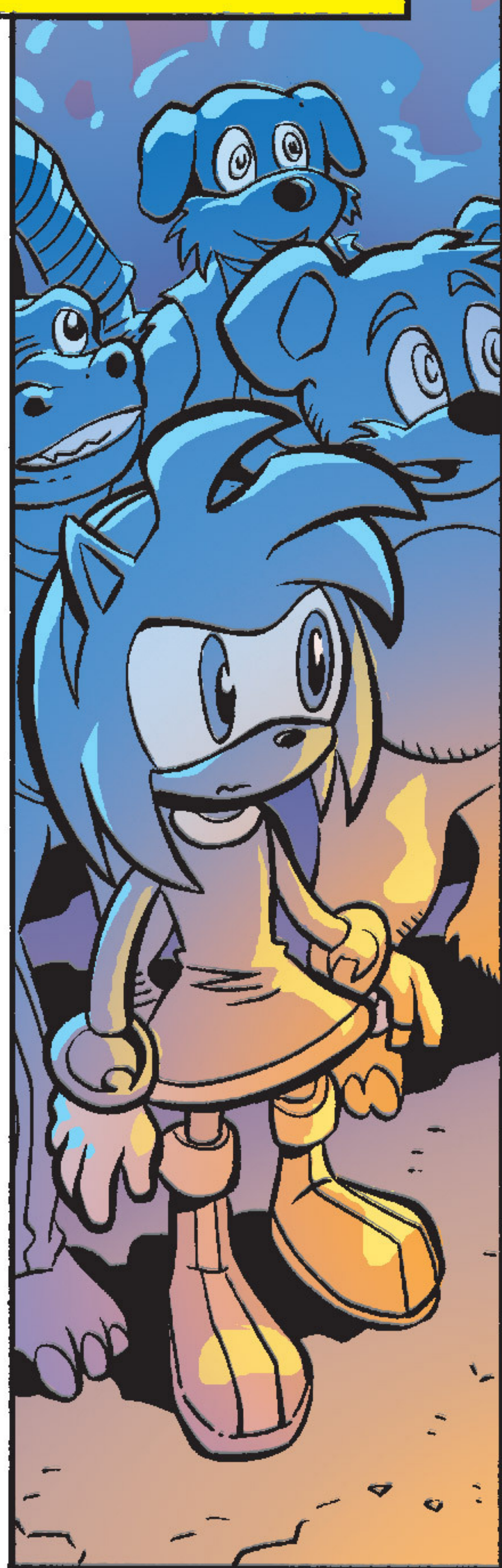
WELL,
SONIC,...?
WHAT'S
YOUR
STATUS?

THE REST
OF THE
FREEDOM
FIGHTERS
ARE IN
POSITION,
PRINCESS
SALLY!

"TAILS IS KEEPING AN
EYE OUT FOR
TROUBLE FROM
THE HIGH GROUND--"

"--BUNNIE RABBOT AND
FIONA FOX ARE WATCHING
THE CROWD FOR ANY
SUSPICIOUS TYPES--"

"--AMY ROSE IS AT FRONT ROW, CENTER STAGE--"

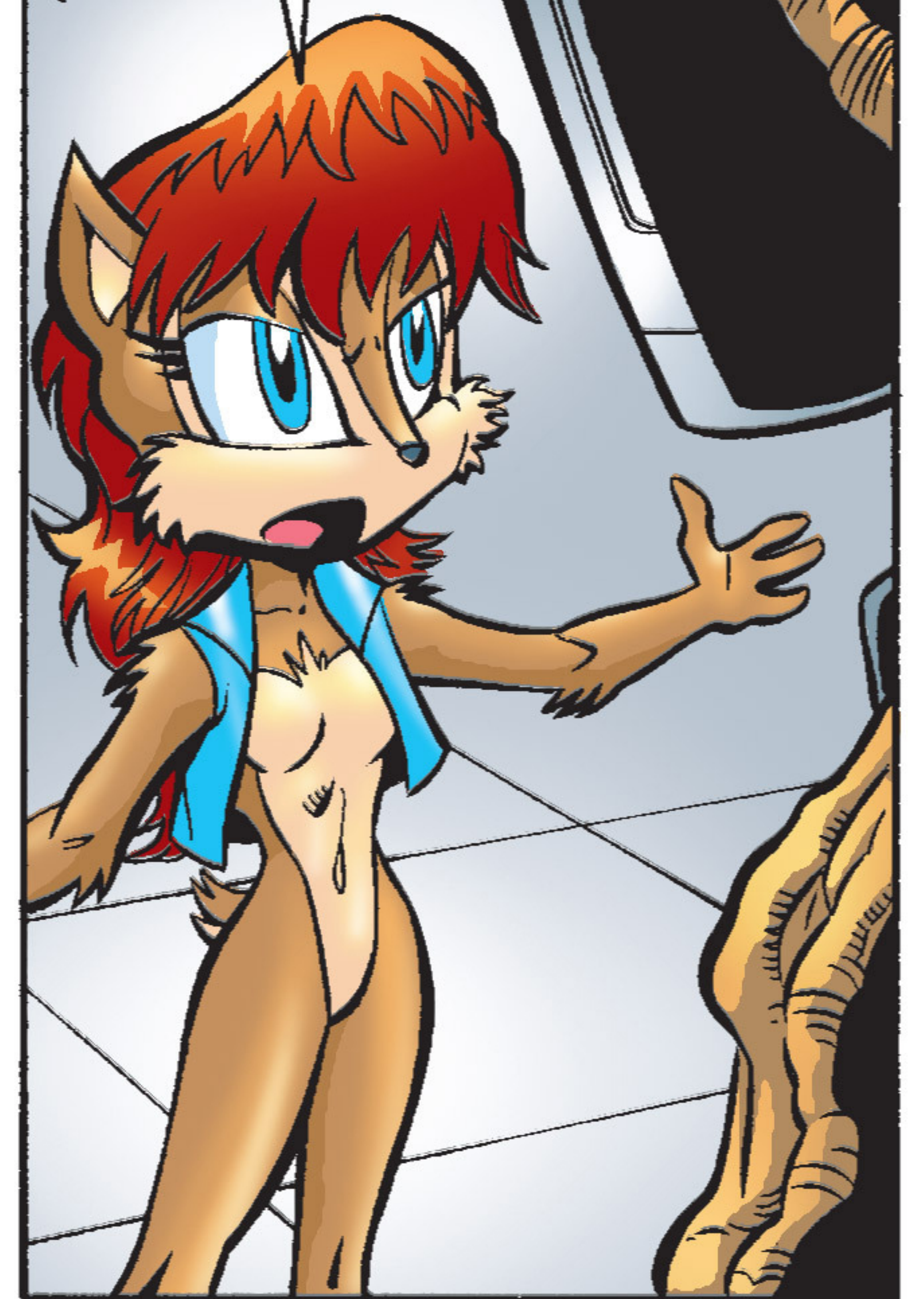


--AND I'LL BE STANDING JUST OFFSTAGE DURING MINA'S PERFORMANCE!



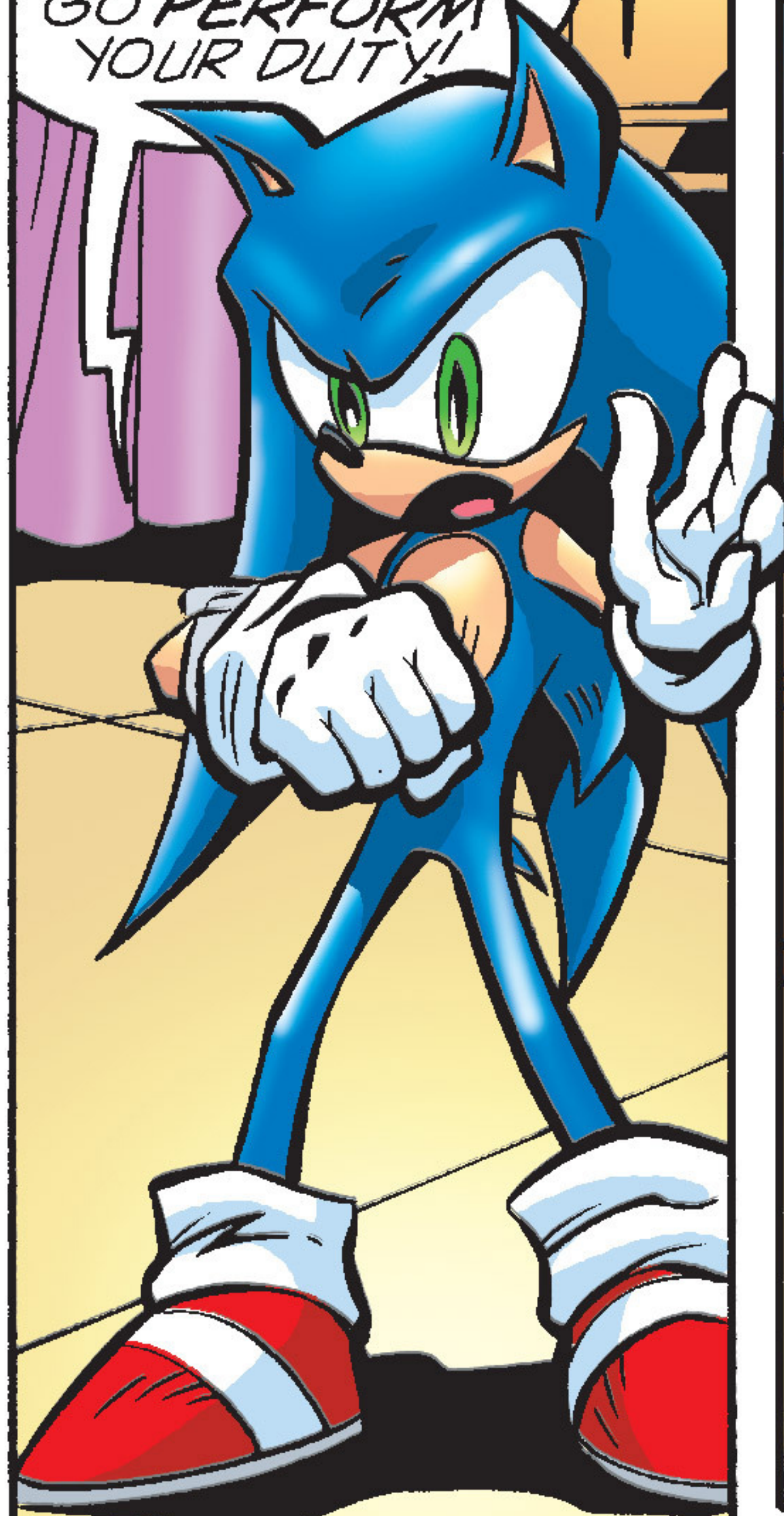
YOU LET HER OUT OF YOUR SIGHT?!

SONIC, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT ROBOTNIK HAS TAKEN OUT A CONTRACT ON MINA'S LIFE?



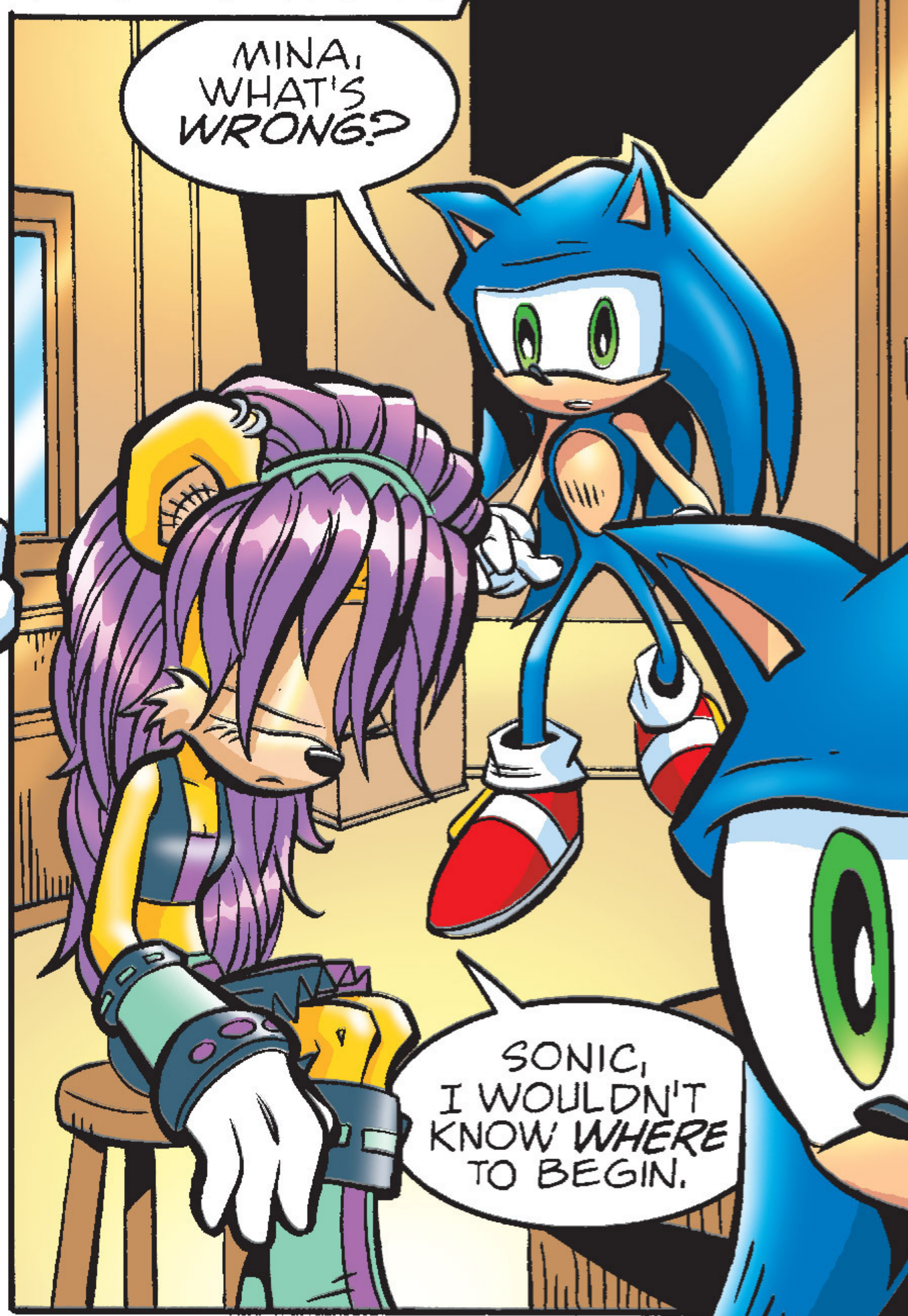
THAT'S WHAT I TRIED TO--

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR EXCUSES. NOW GO PERFORM YOUR DUTY!



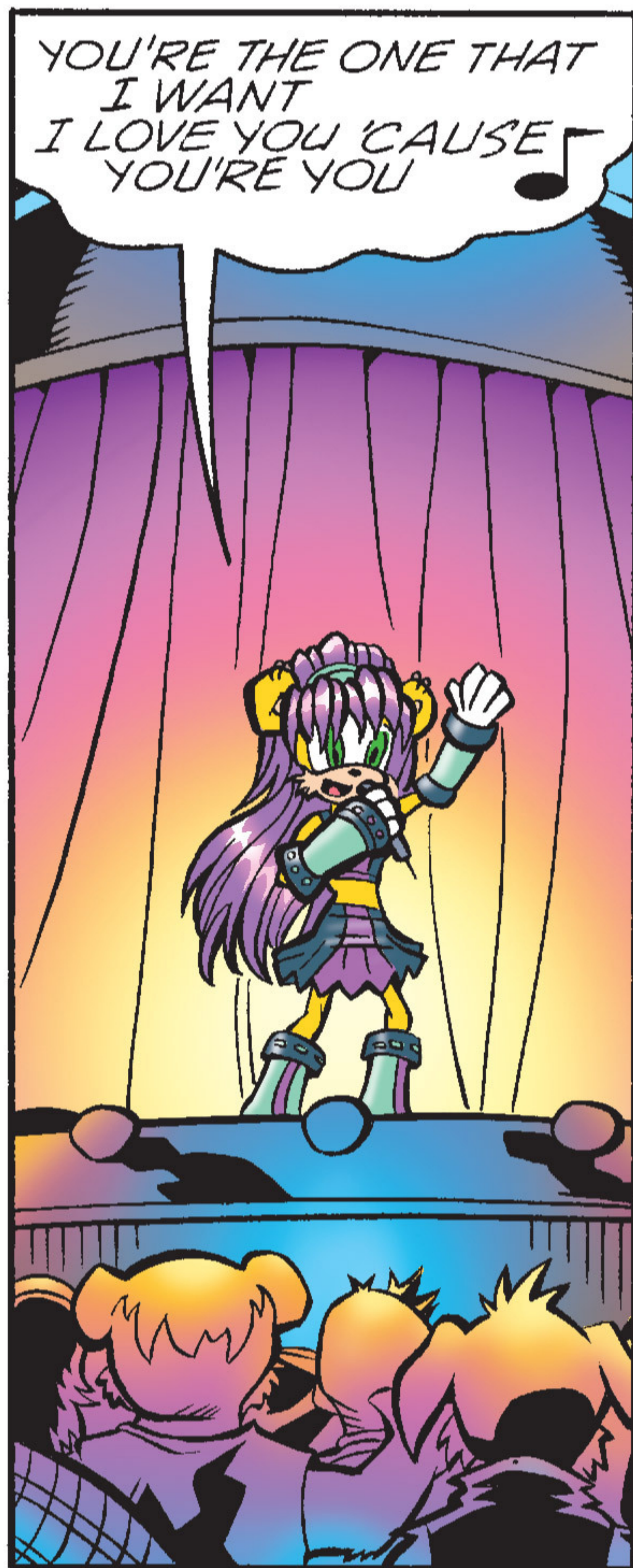
MINUTES LATER...

MINA, WHAT'S WRONG?



I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL...

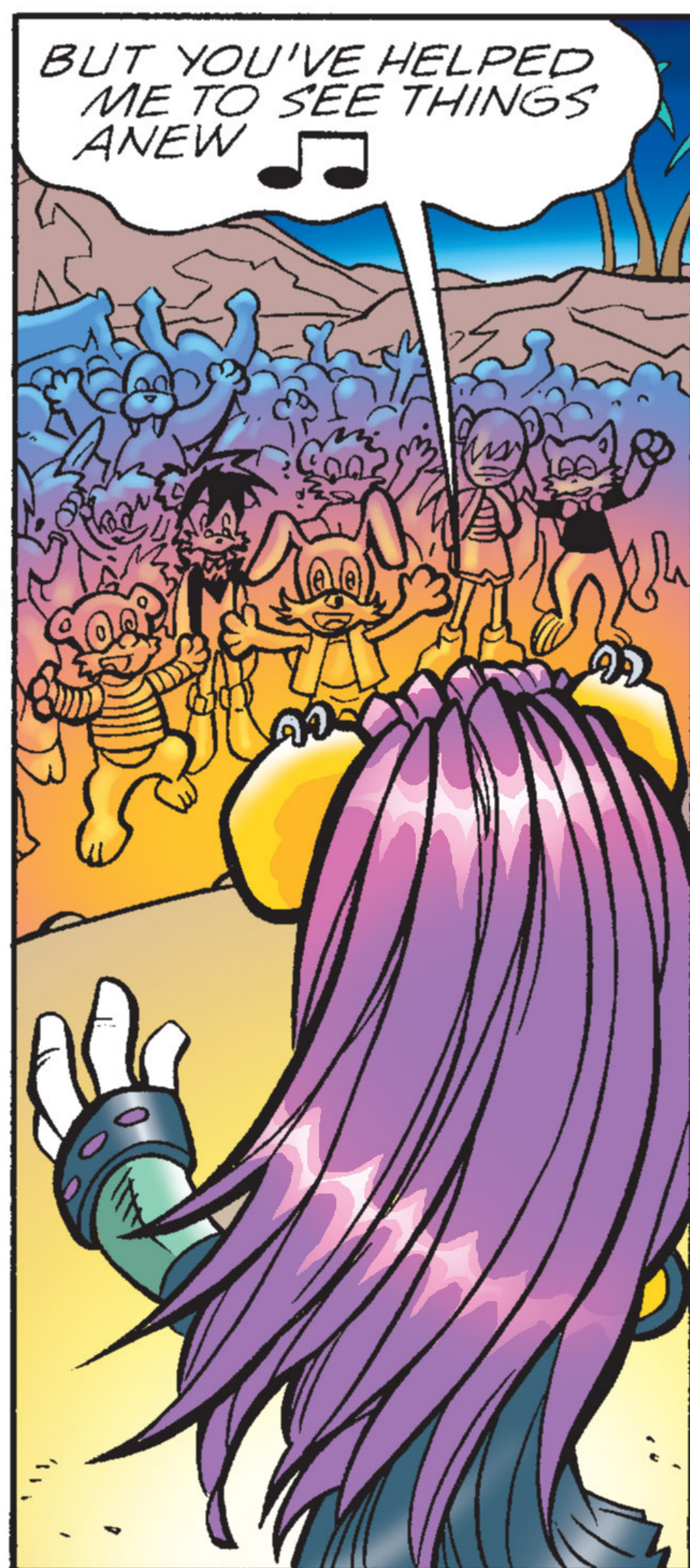




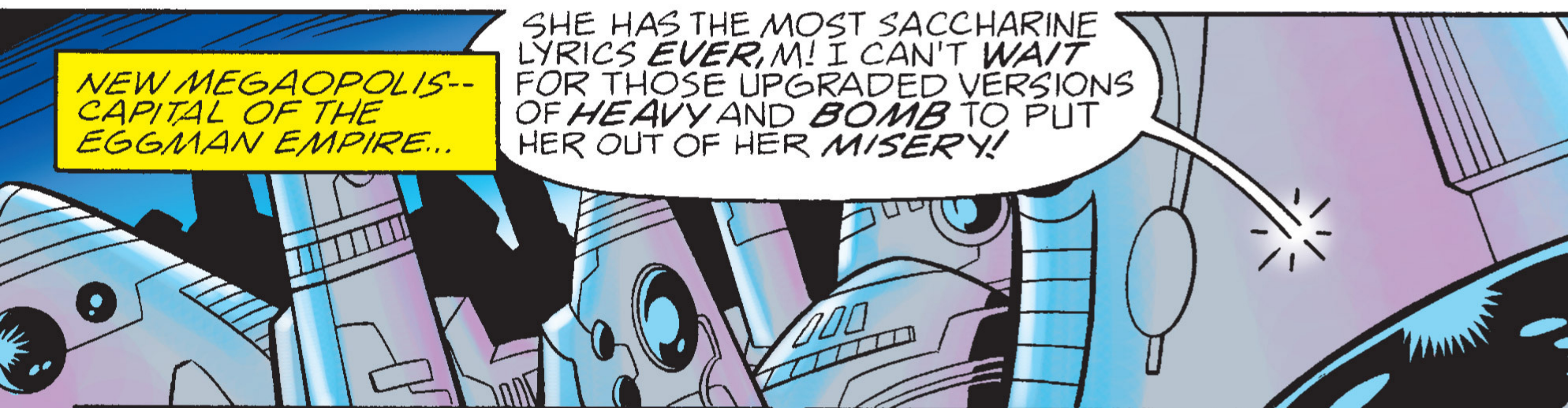
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT
I WANT
I LOVE YOU 'CAUSE
YOU'RE YOU



THERE'S NO NEED
TO BE BLUE
OH, IT'S TRUE I FELT
HAUNTED BY
MEMORIES THAT
TAUNTED

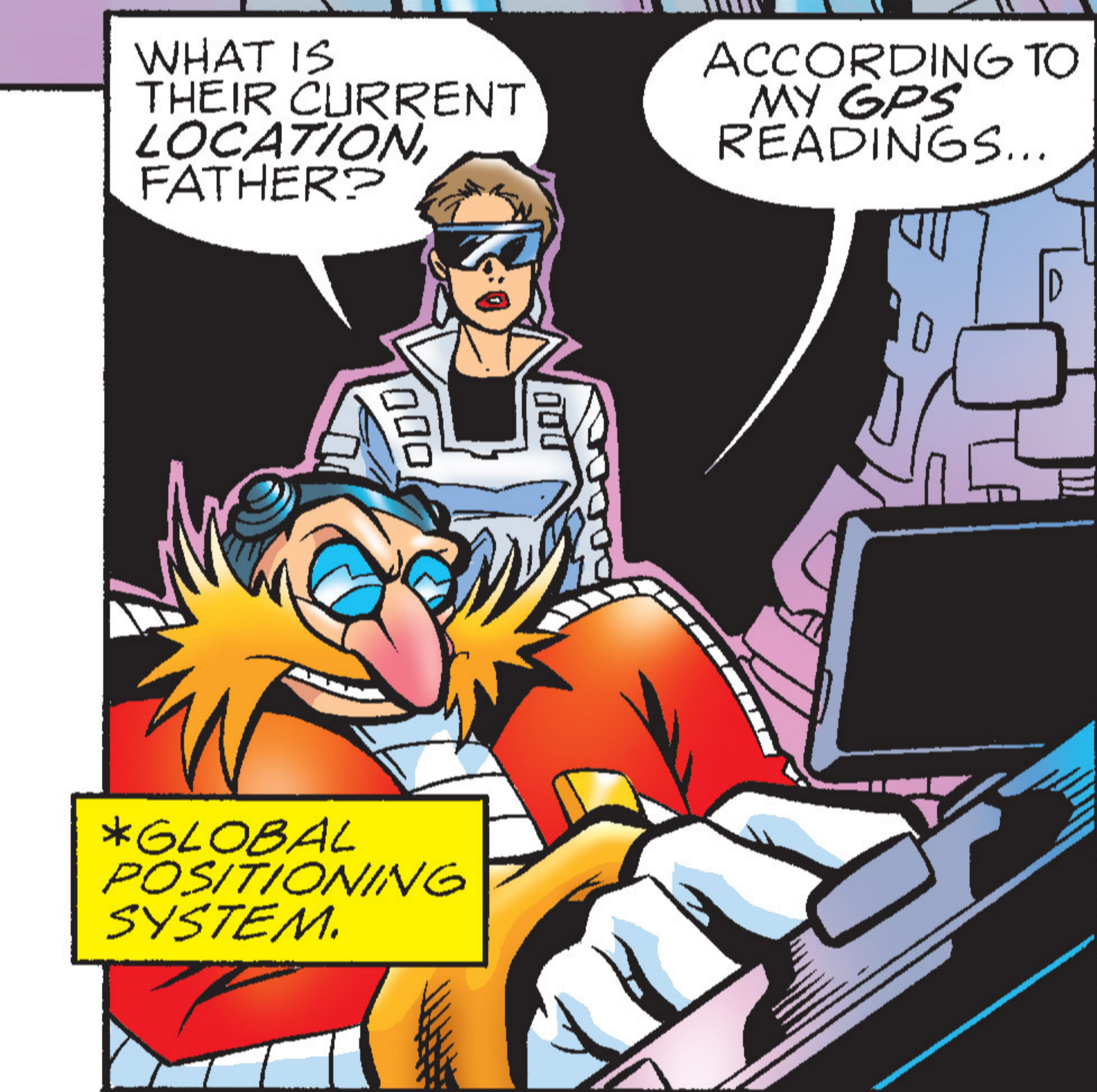


BUT YOU'VE HELPED
ME TO SEE THINGS
ANEW



NEW MEGAOPOLIS--
CAPITAL OF THE
EGGMAN EMPIRE...

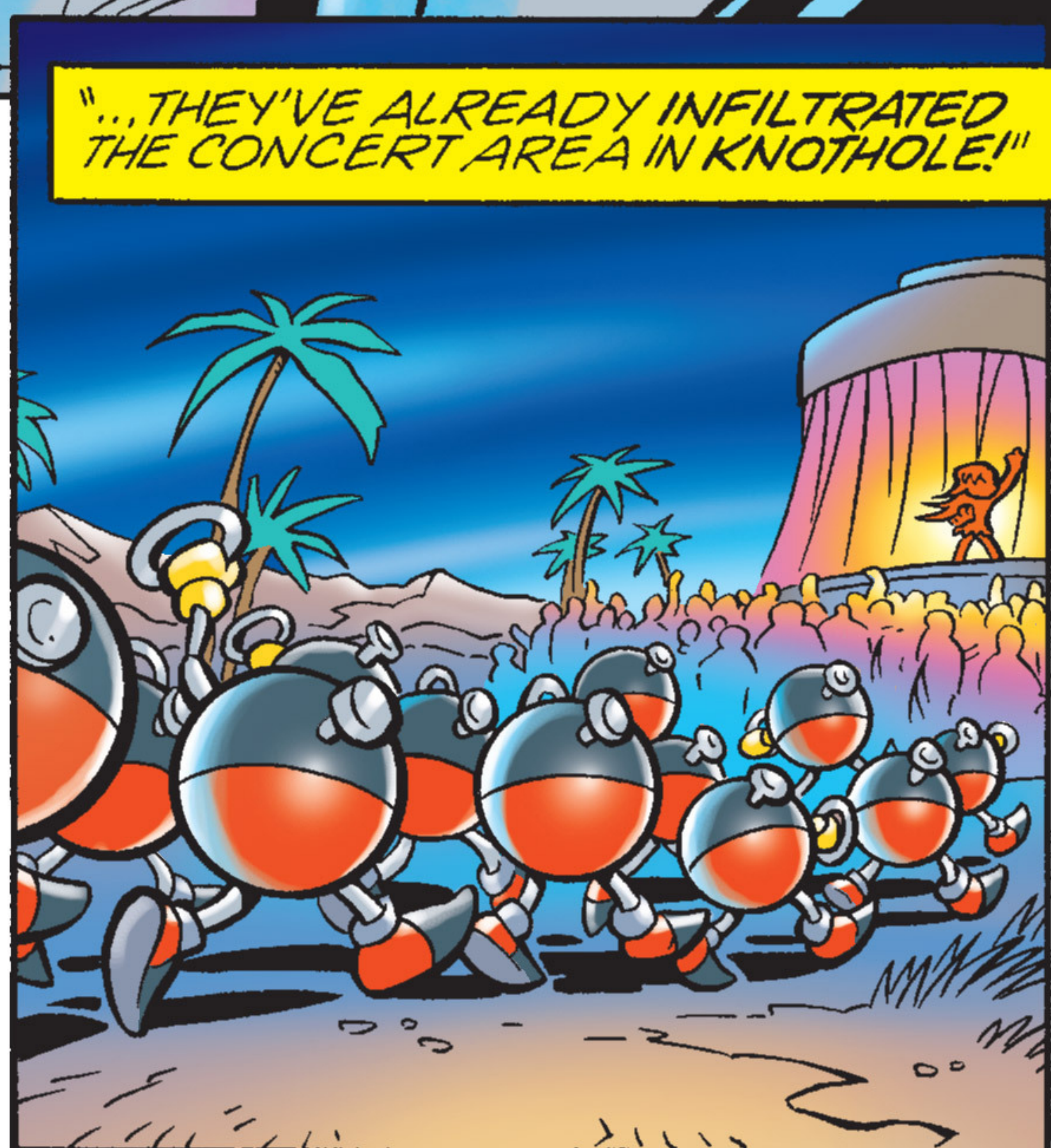
SHE HAS THE MOST SACCHARINE
LYRICS *EVER*, M! I CAN'T WAIT
FOR THOSE UPGRADED VERSIONS
OF *HEAVY* AND *BOMB* TO PUT
HER OUT OF HER MISERY!



WHAT IS
THEIR CURRENT
LOCATION,
FATHER?

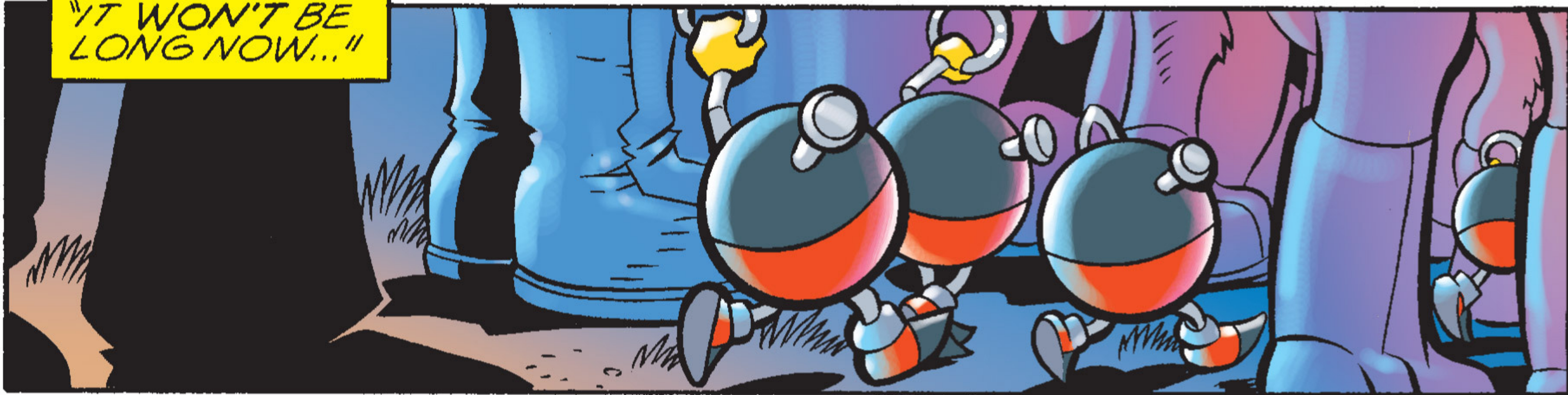
ACCORDING TO
MY GPS
READINGS...

*GLOBAL
POSITIONING
SYSTEM.

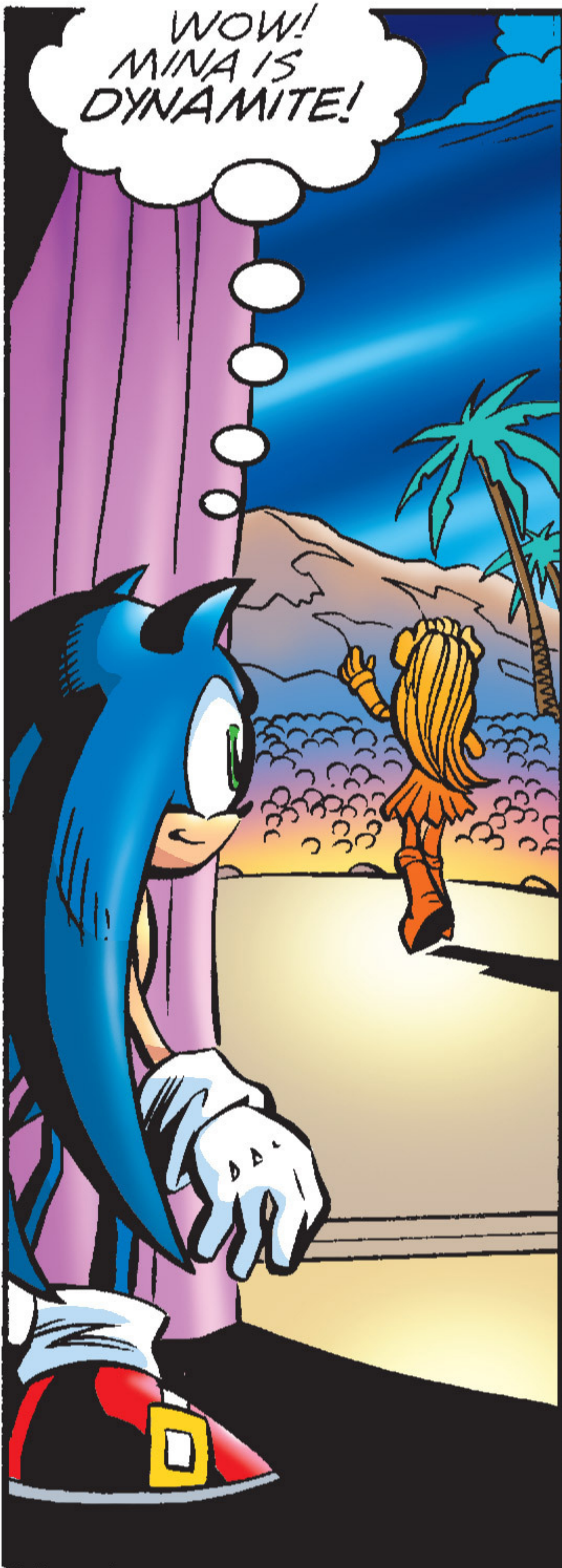


"...THEY'VE ALREADY INFILTRATED
THE CONCERT AREA IN KNOTHOLE!"

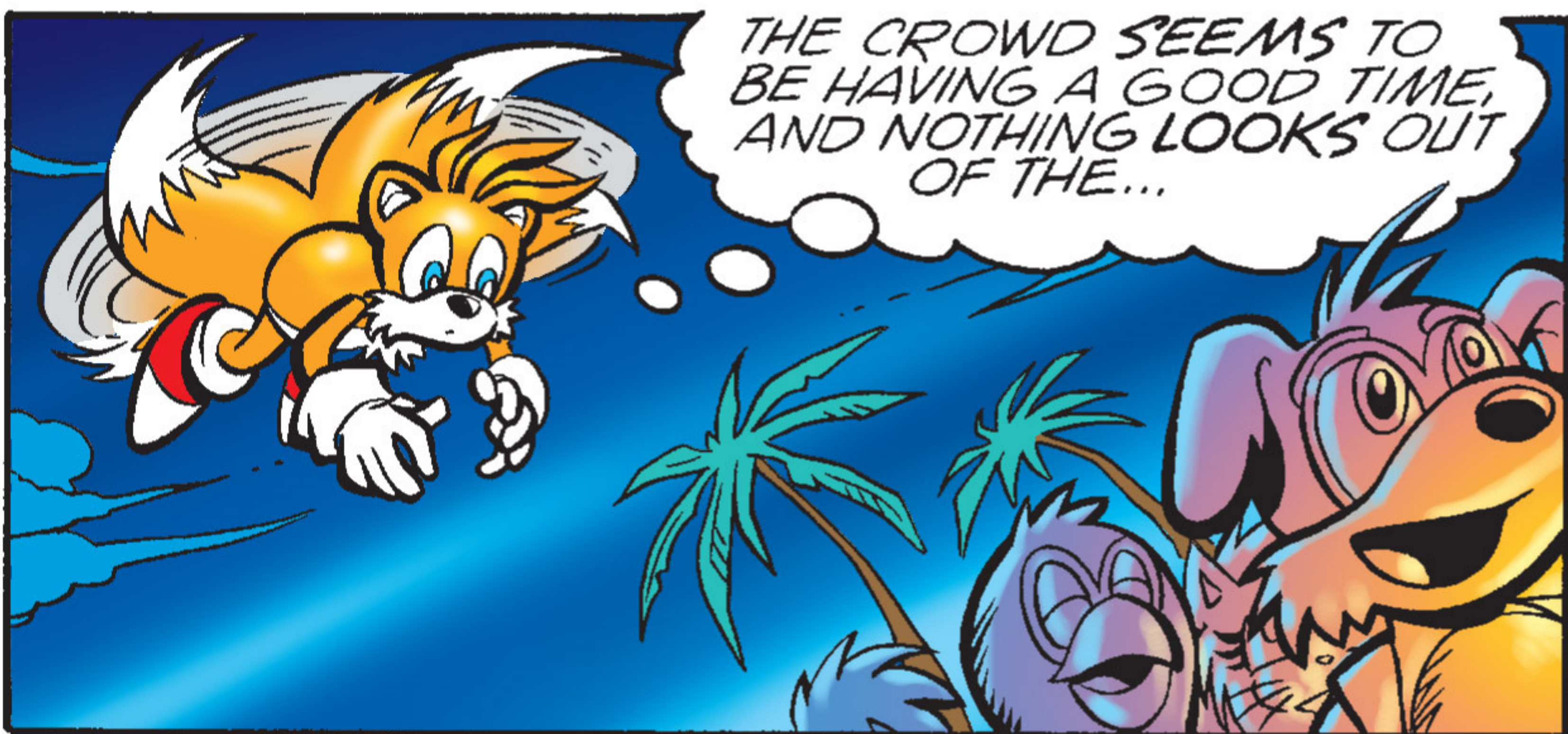
"IT WON'T BE LONG NOW..."



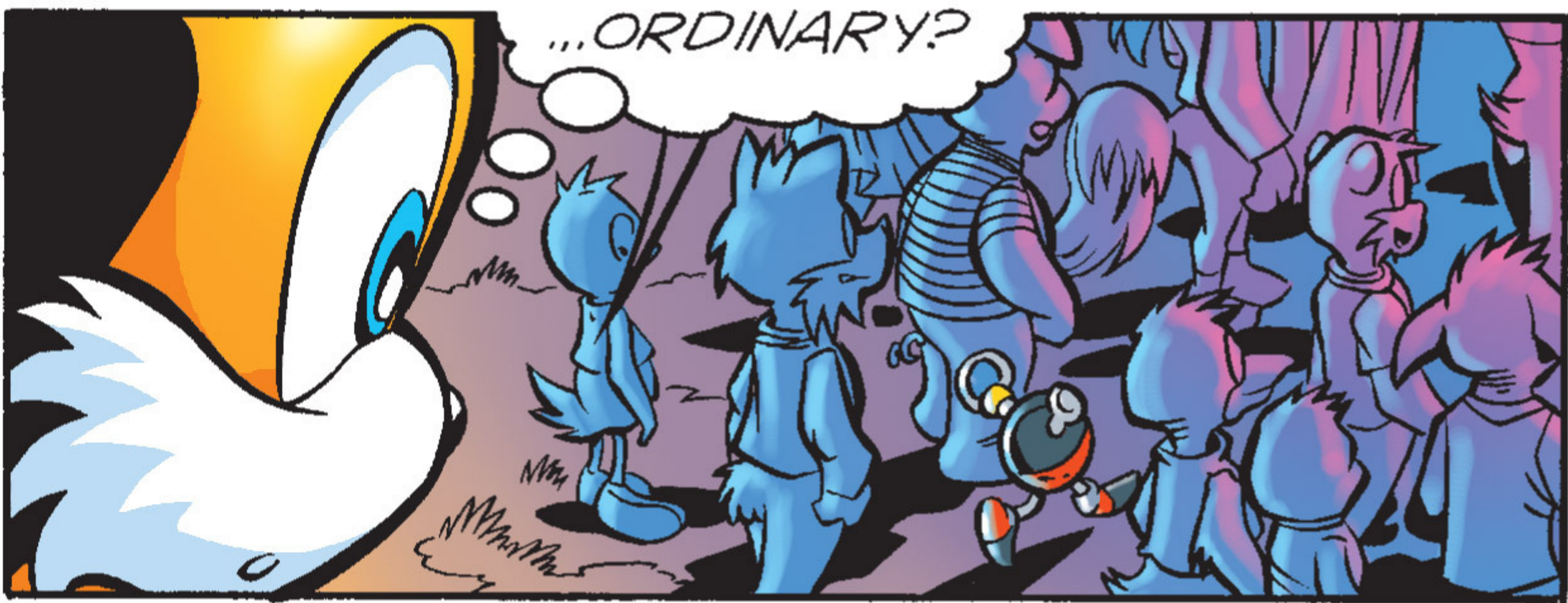
WOW!
MINA IS
DYNAMITE!



THE CROWD SEEMS TO
BE HAVING A GOOD TIME,
AND NOTHING LOOKS OUT
OF THE...



...ORDINARY?



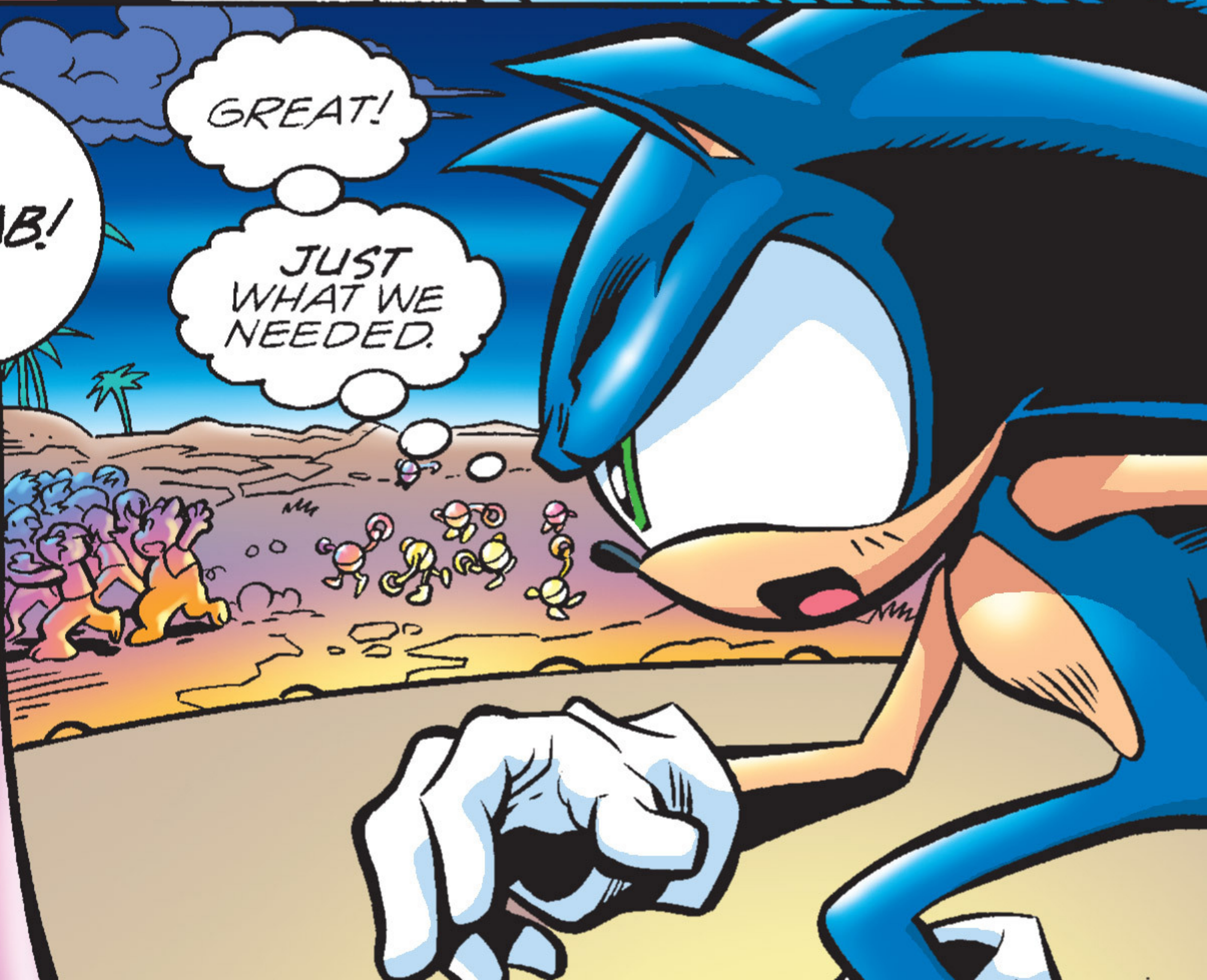
OH,
NO!
IT'S--

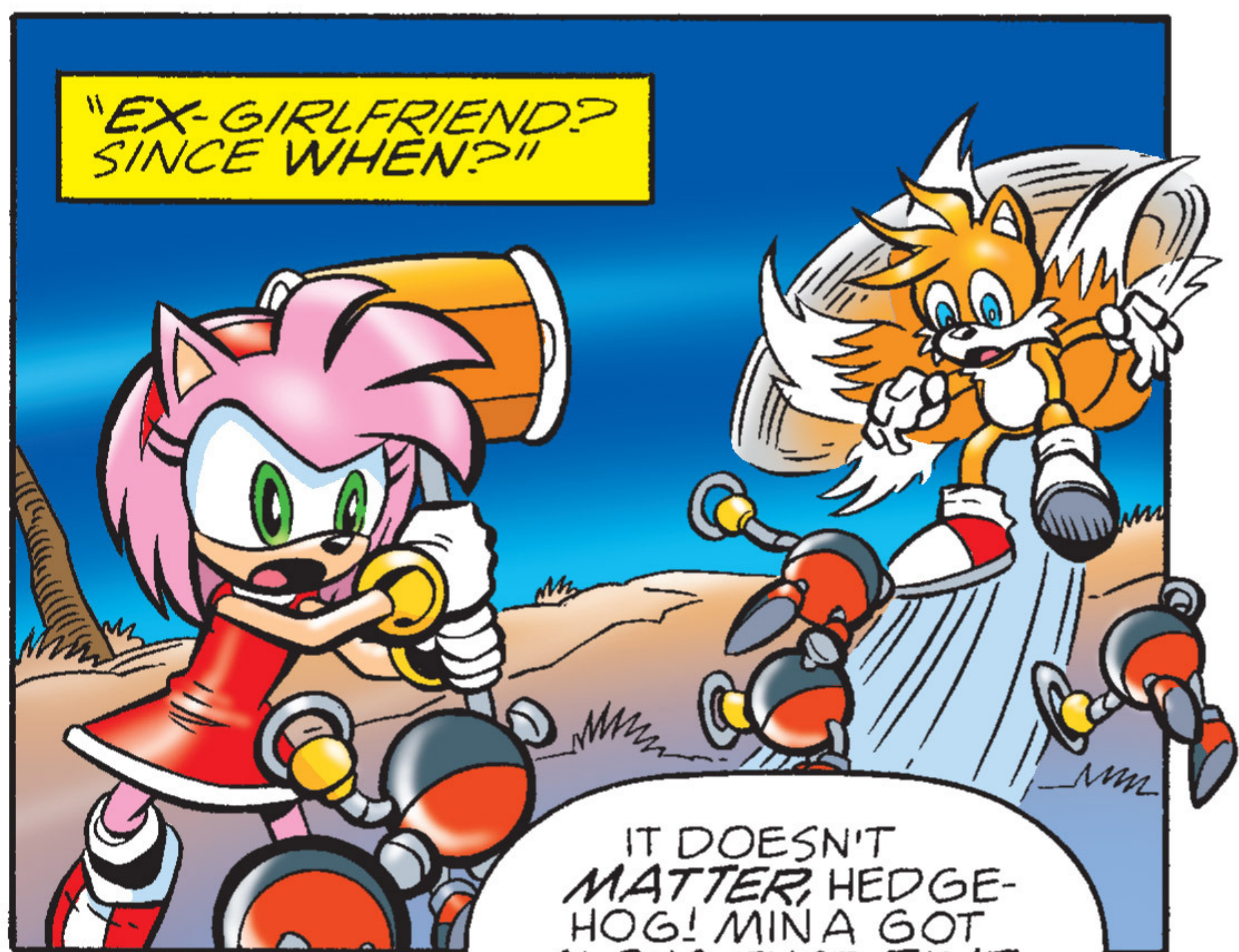
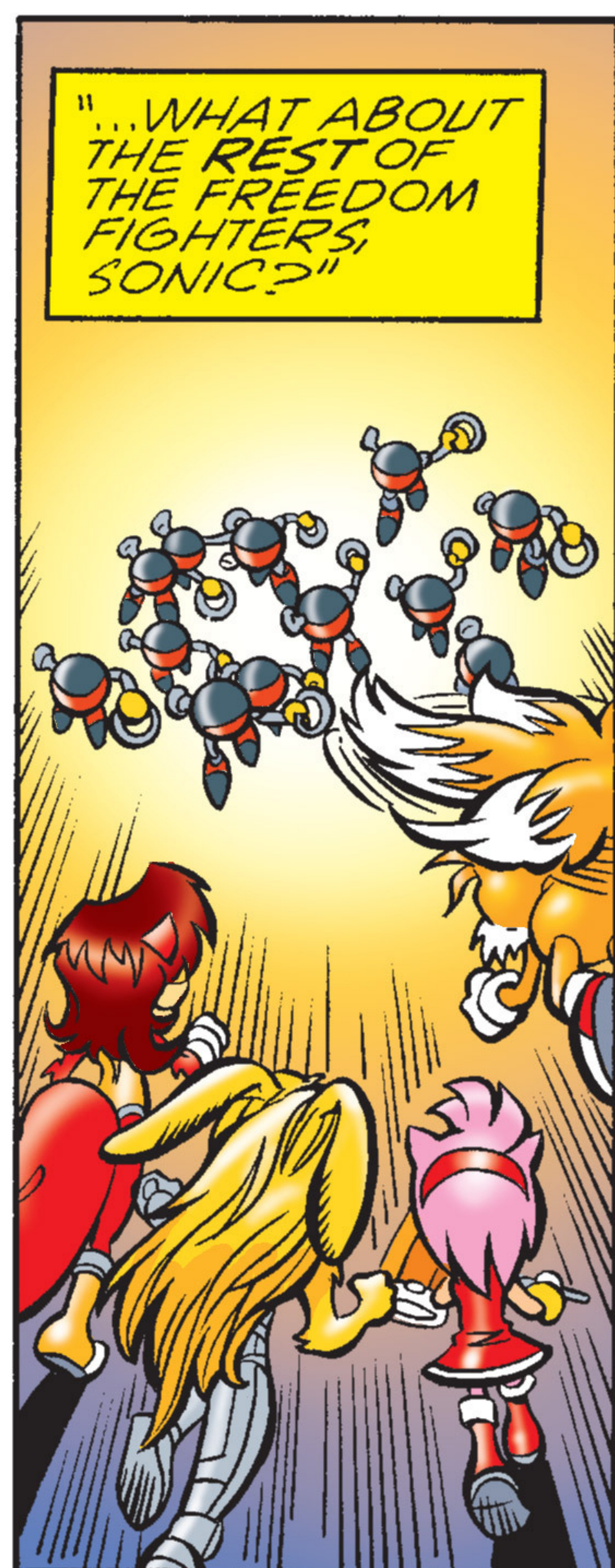
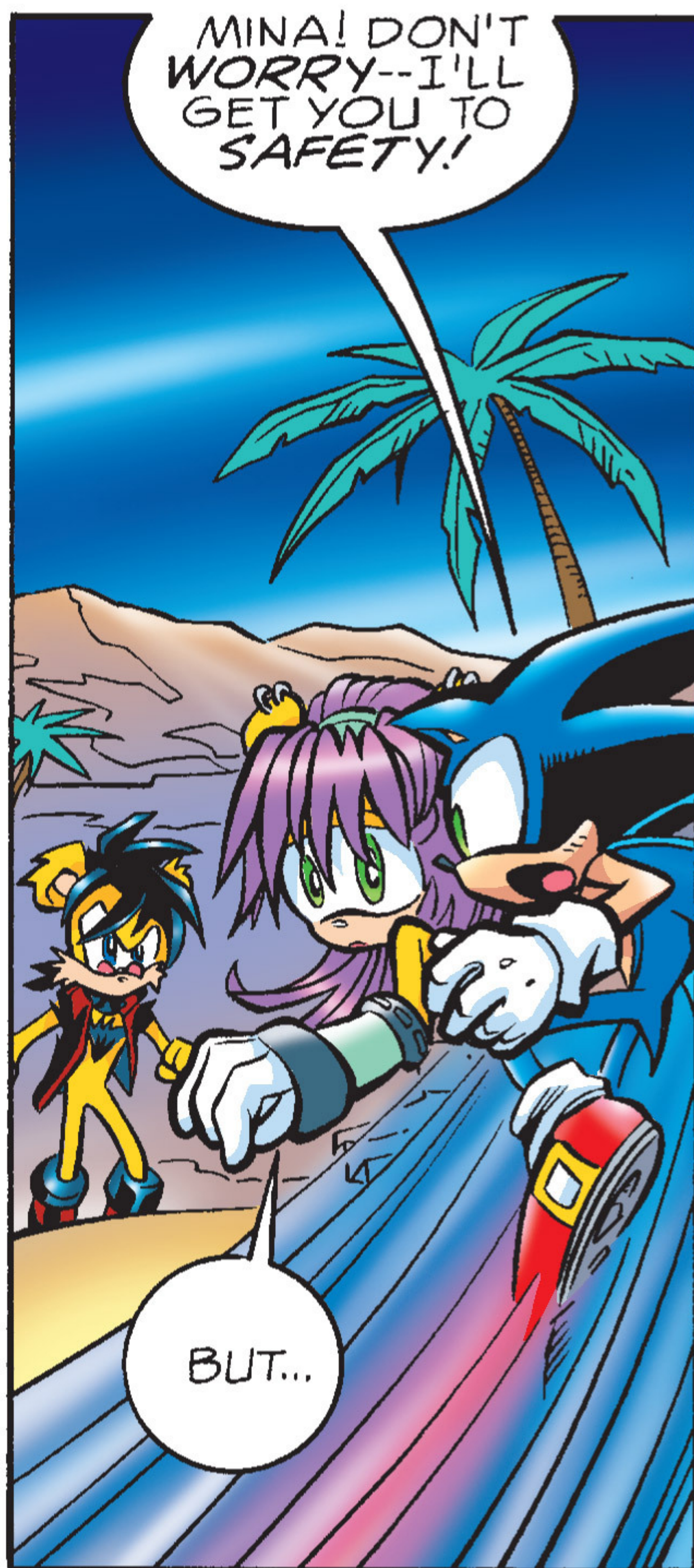
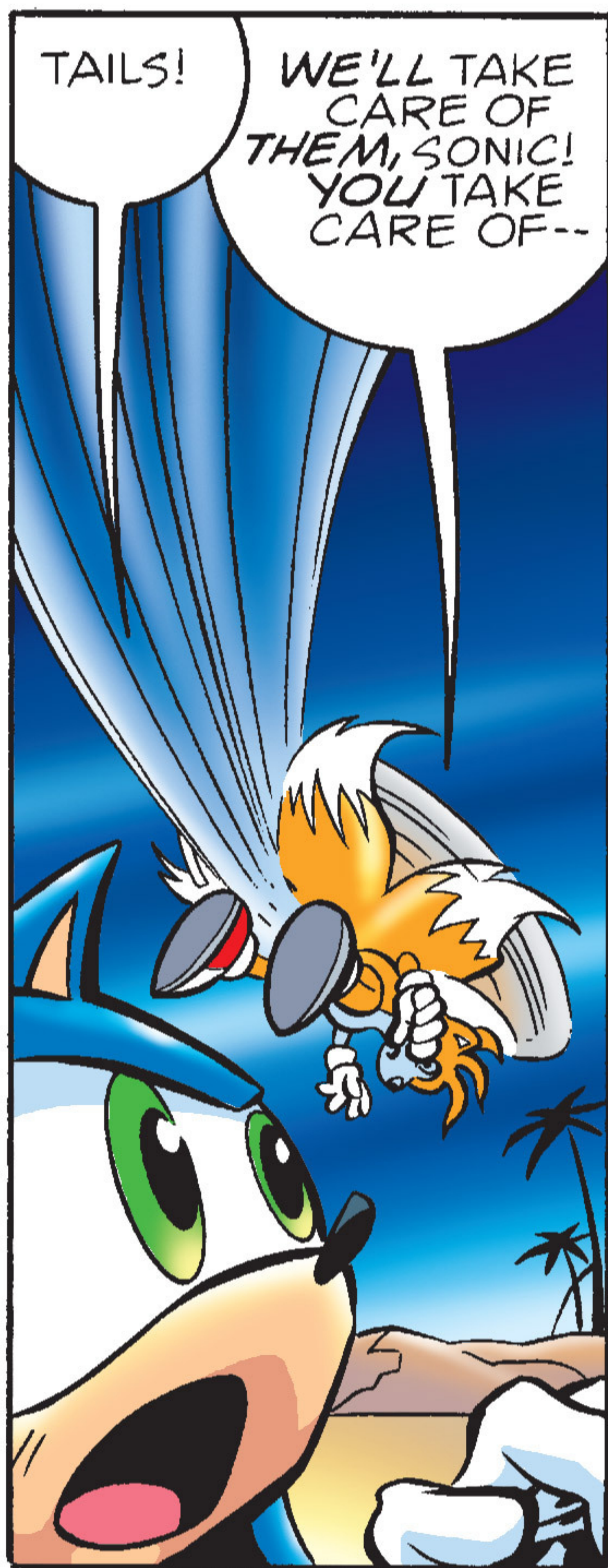


BOMB!

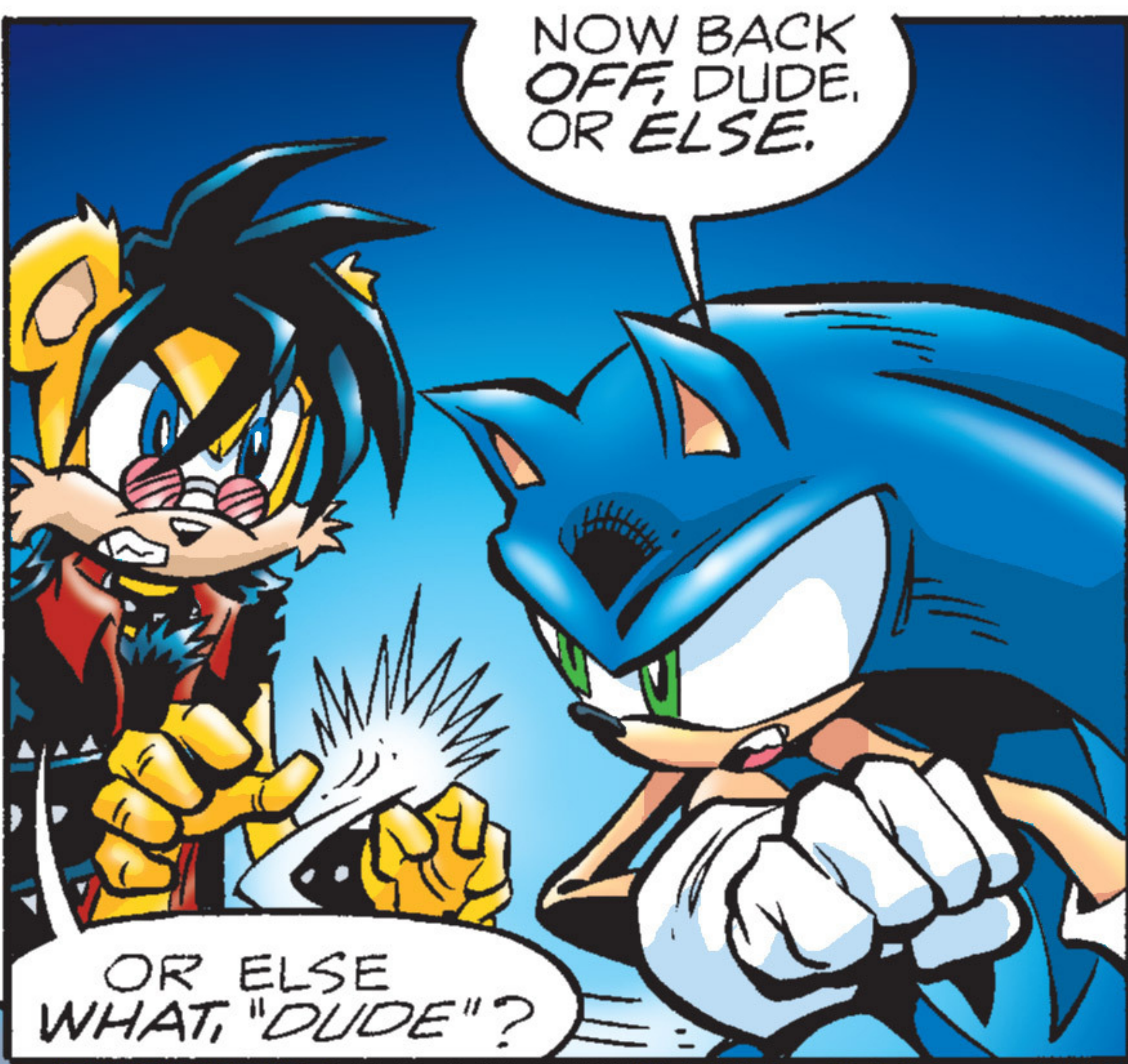
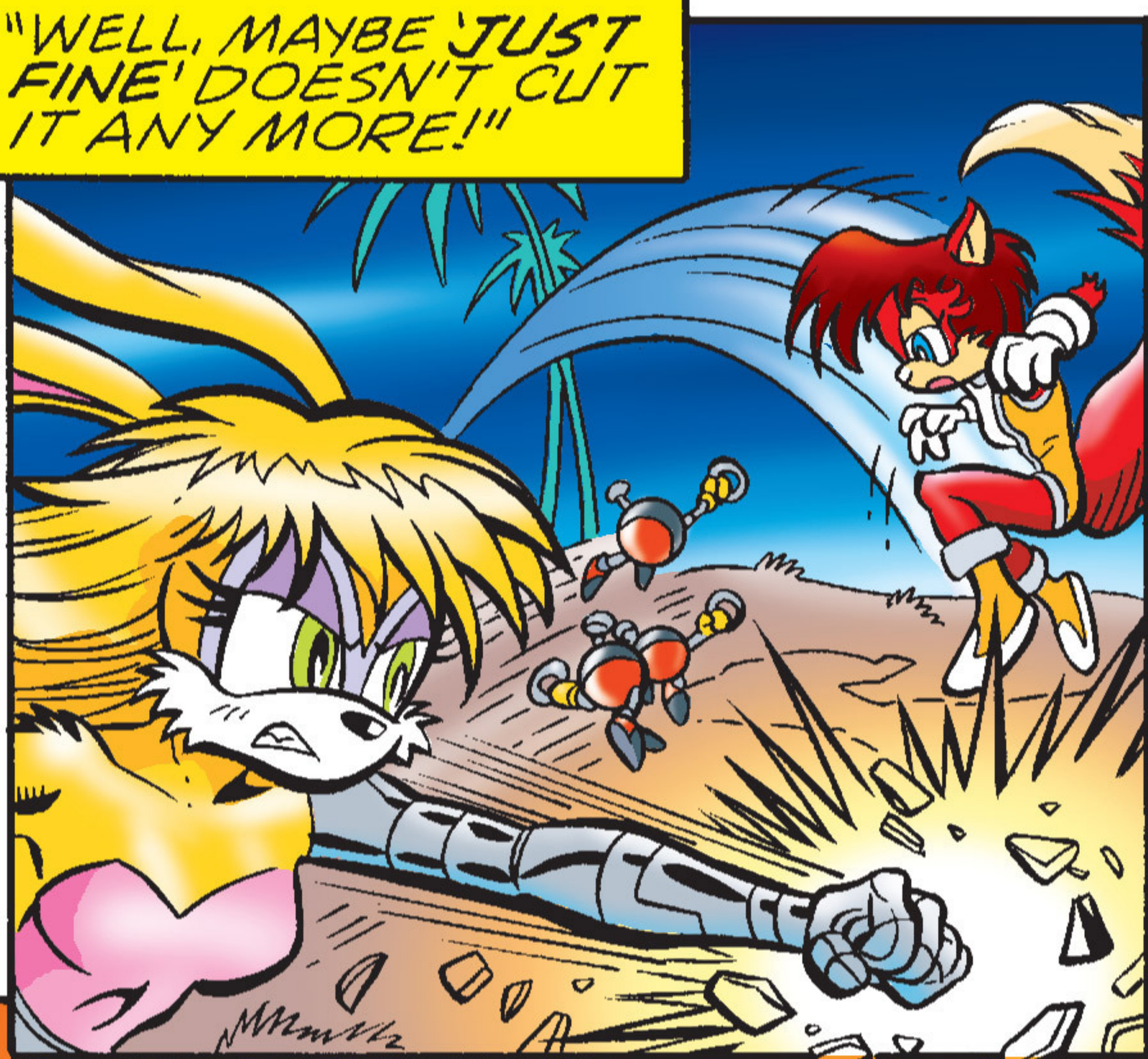
GREAT!

JUST
WHAT WE
NEEDED.



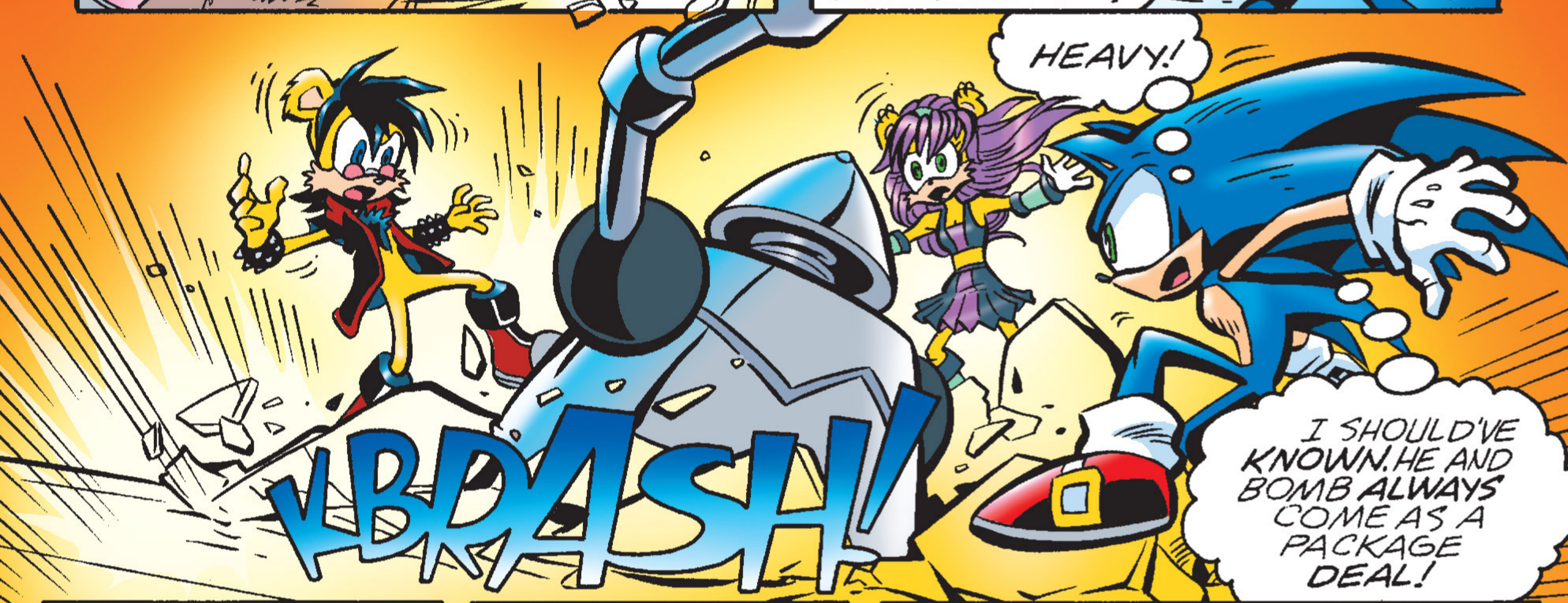


"WELL, MAYBE 'JUST FINE' DOESN'T CUT IT ANY MORE!!"



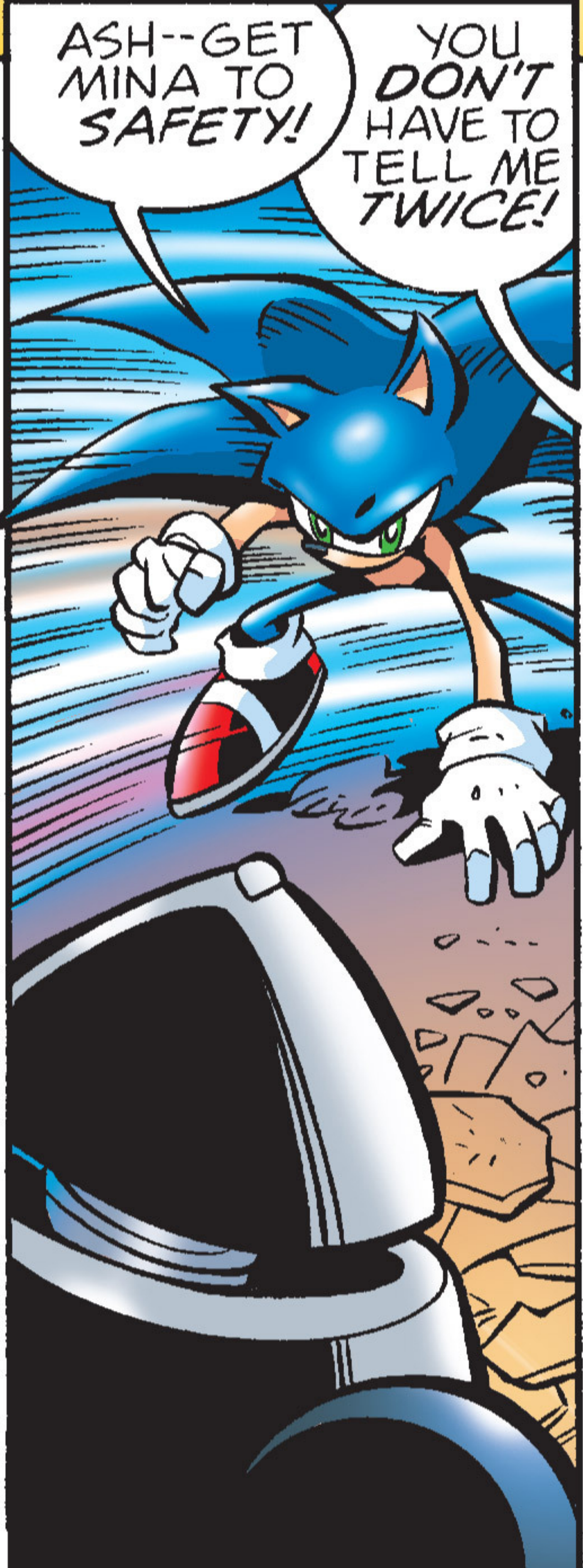
NOW BACK OFF, DUDE. OR ELSE.

OR ELSE WHAT, "DUDE"?



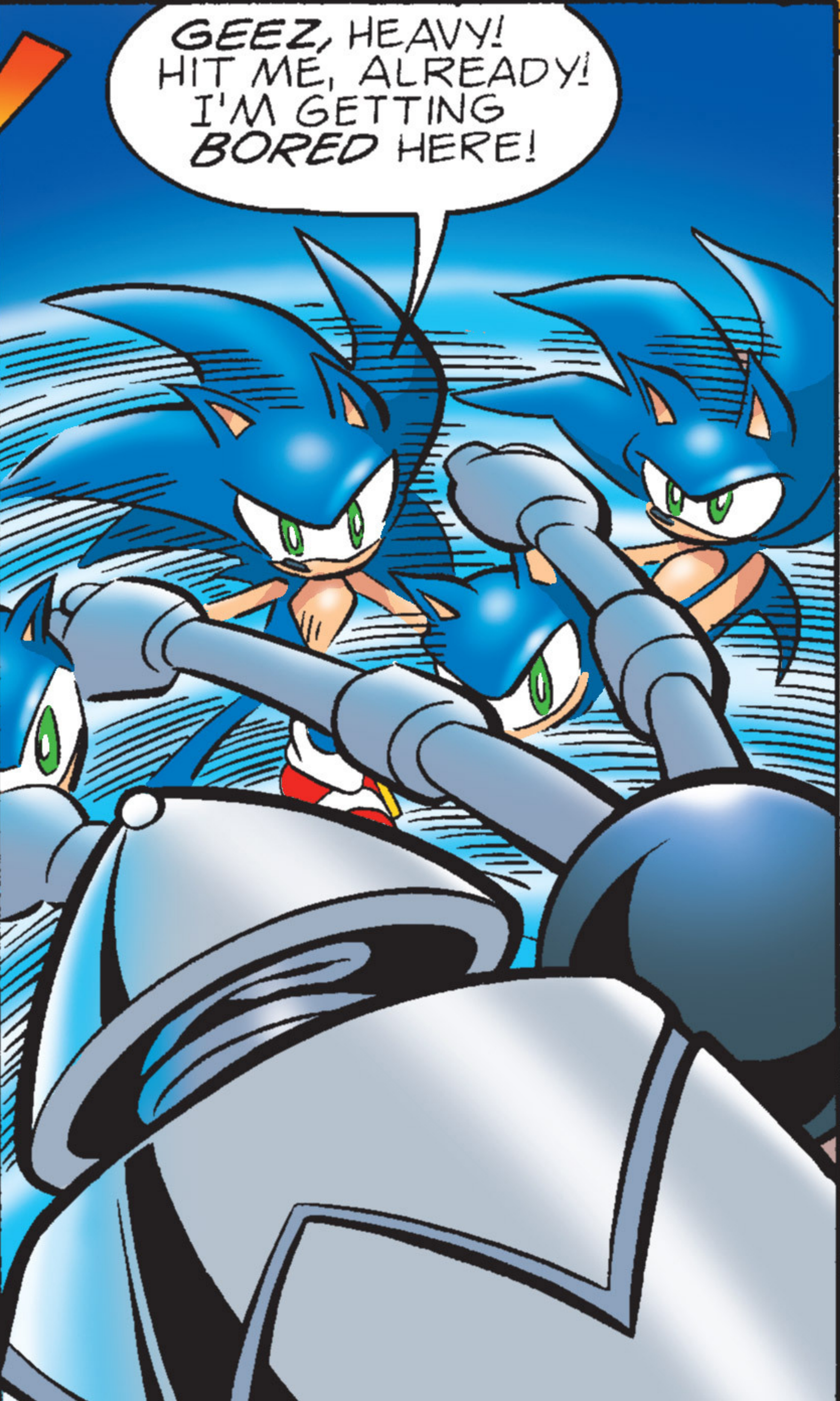
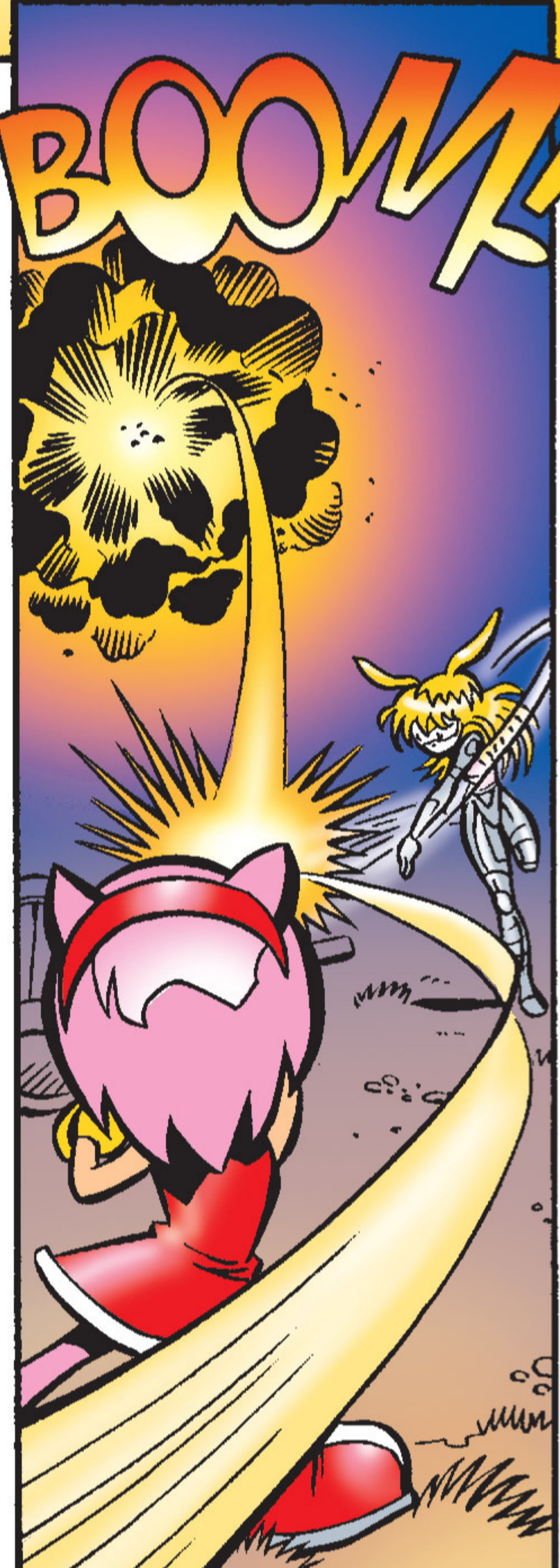
HEAVY!

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN. HE AND BOMB ALWAYS COME AS A PACKAGE DEAL!

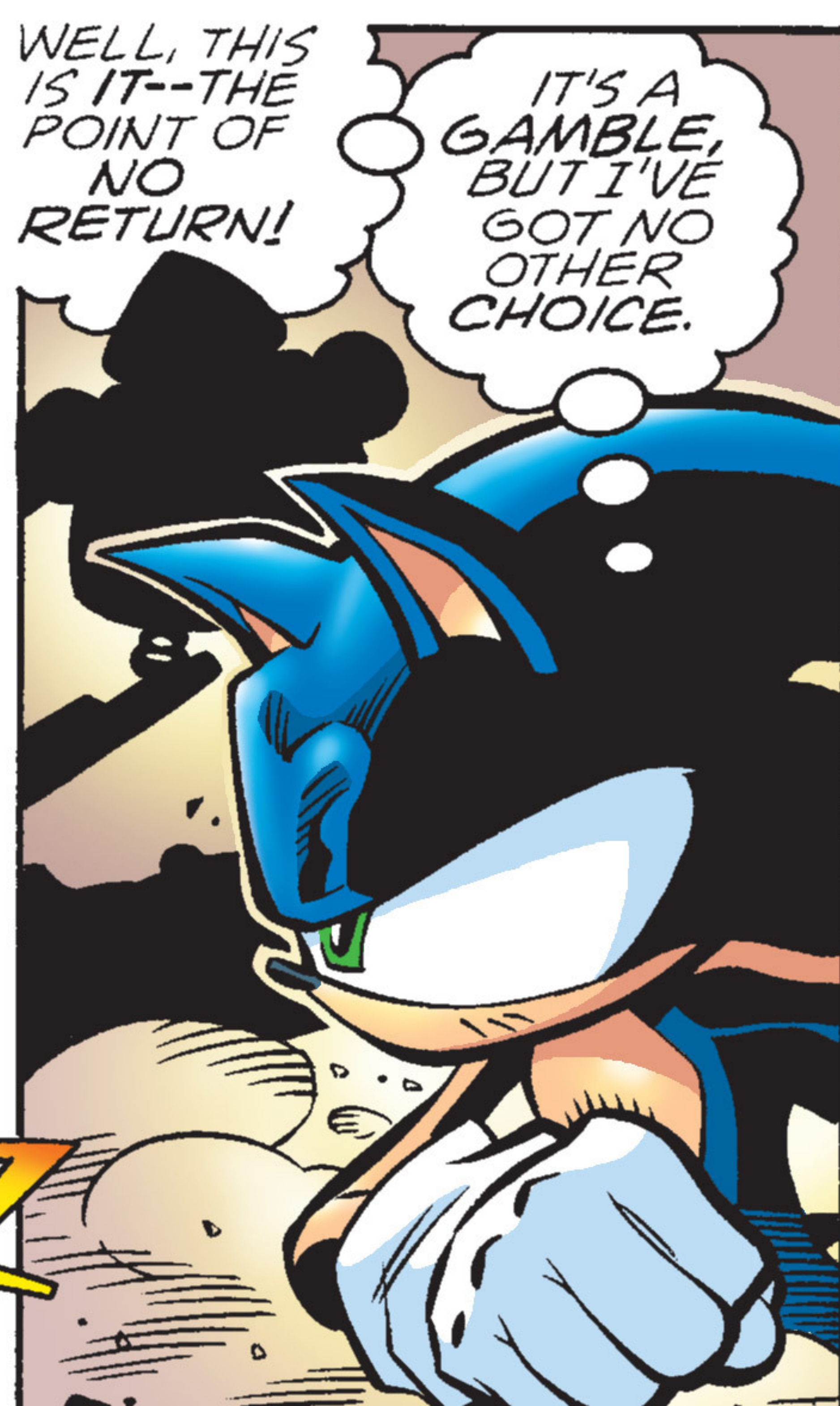
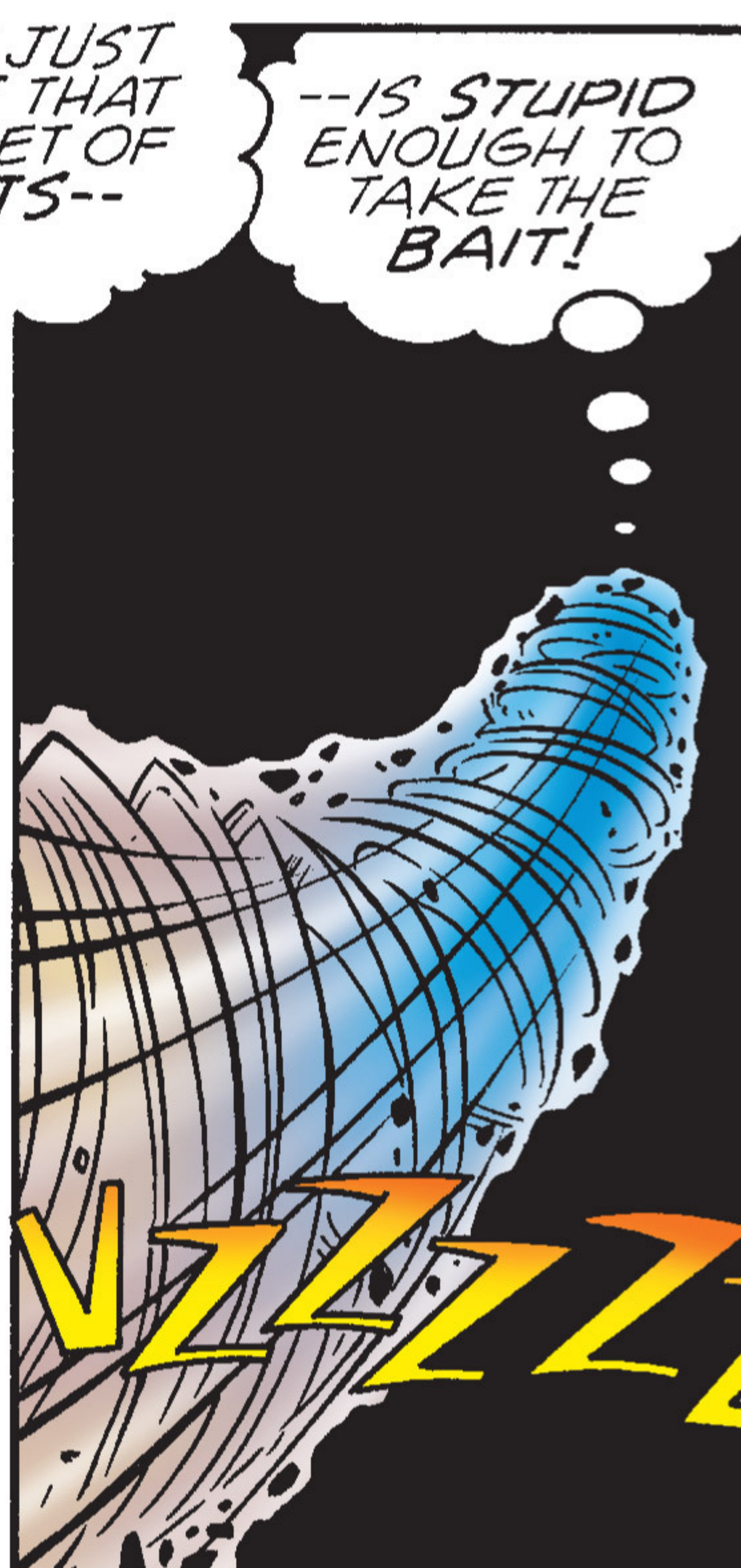
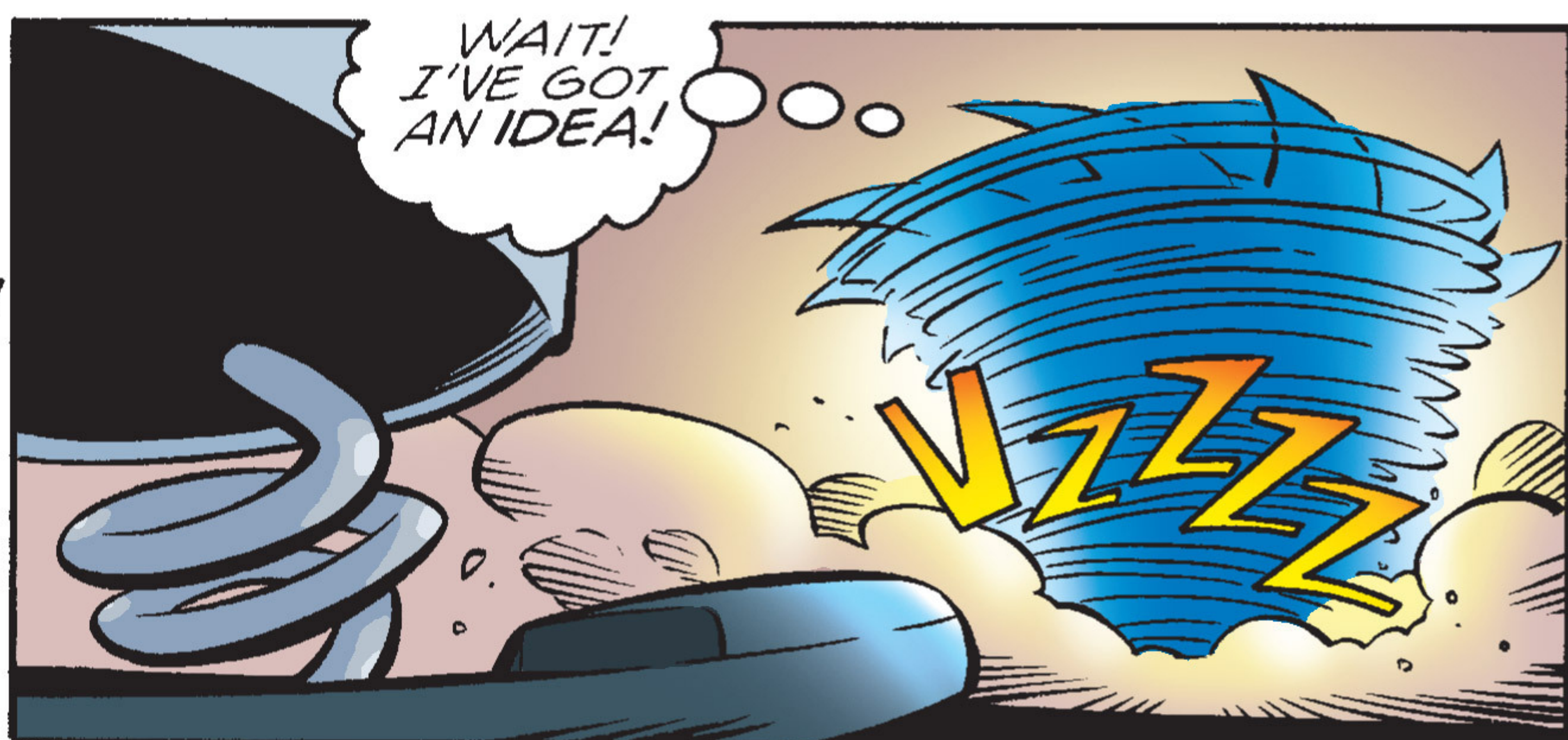
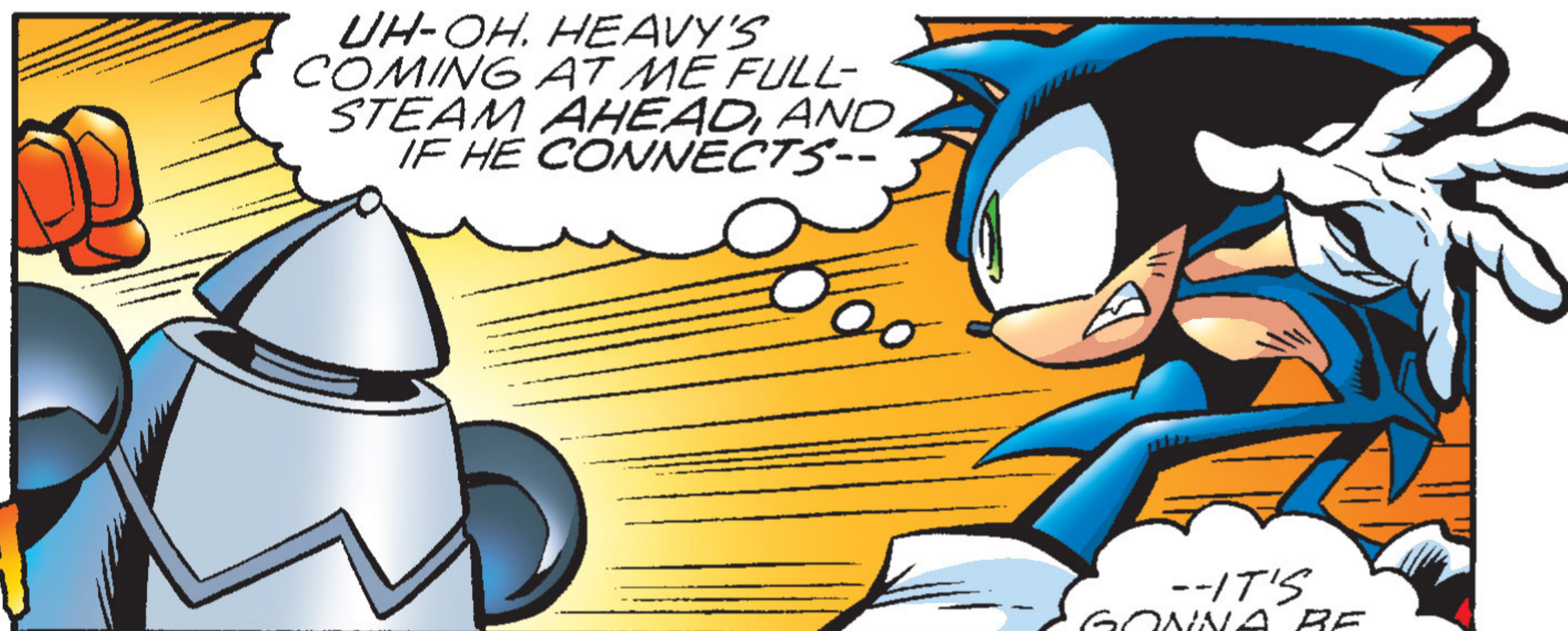
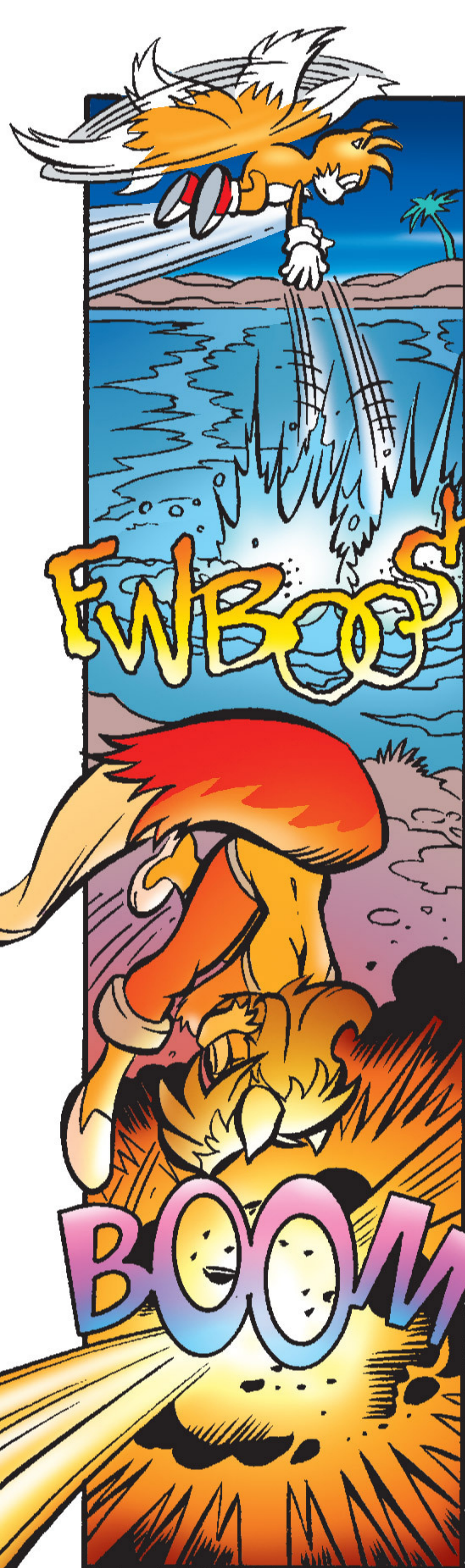


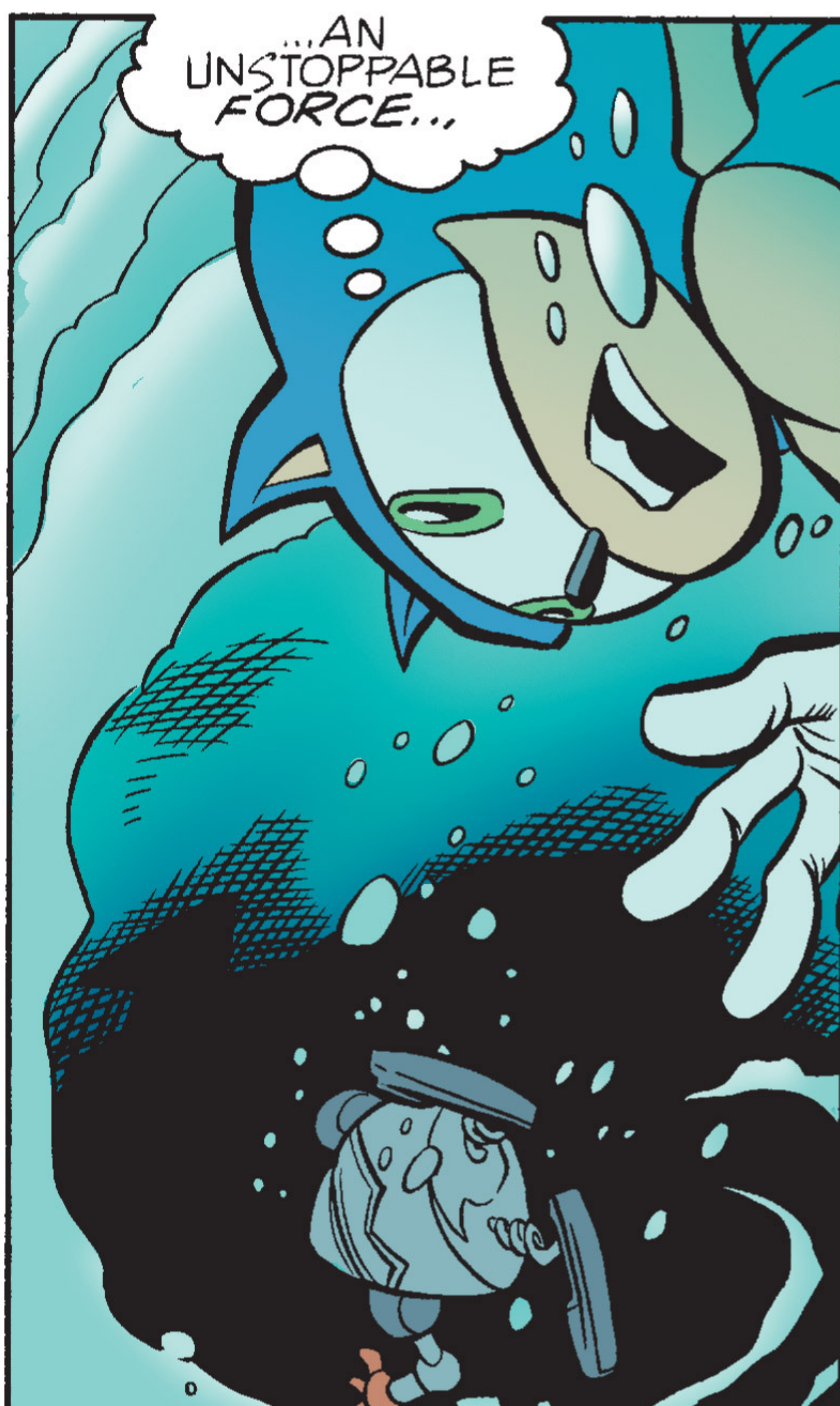
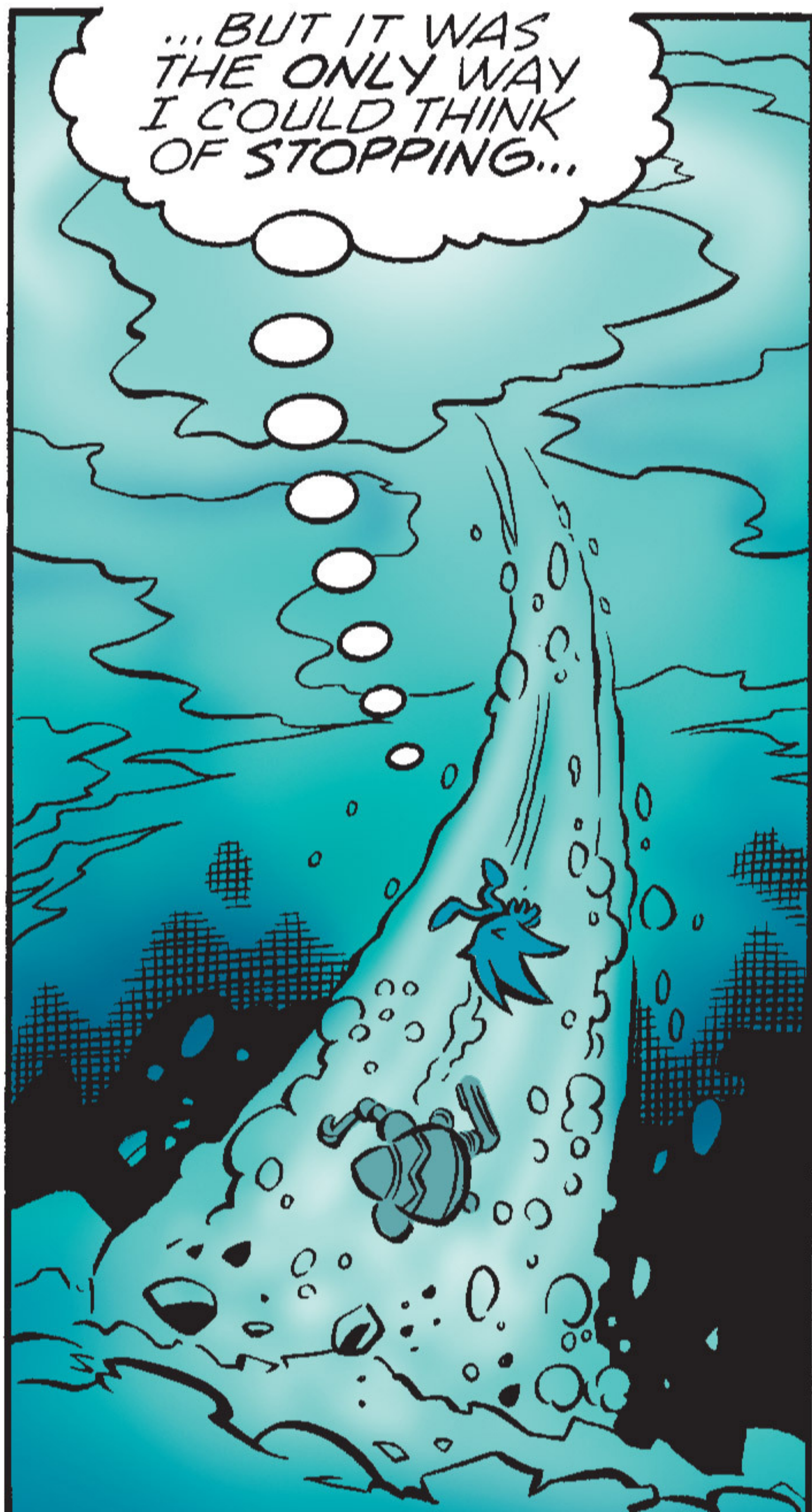
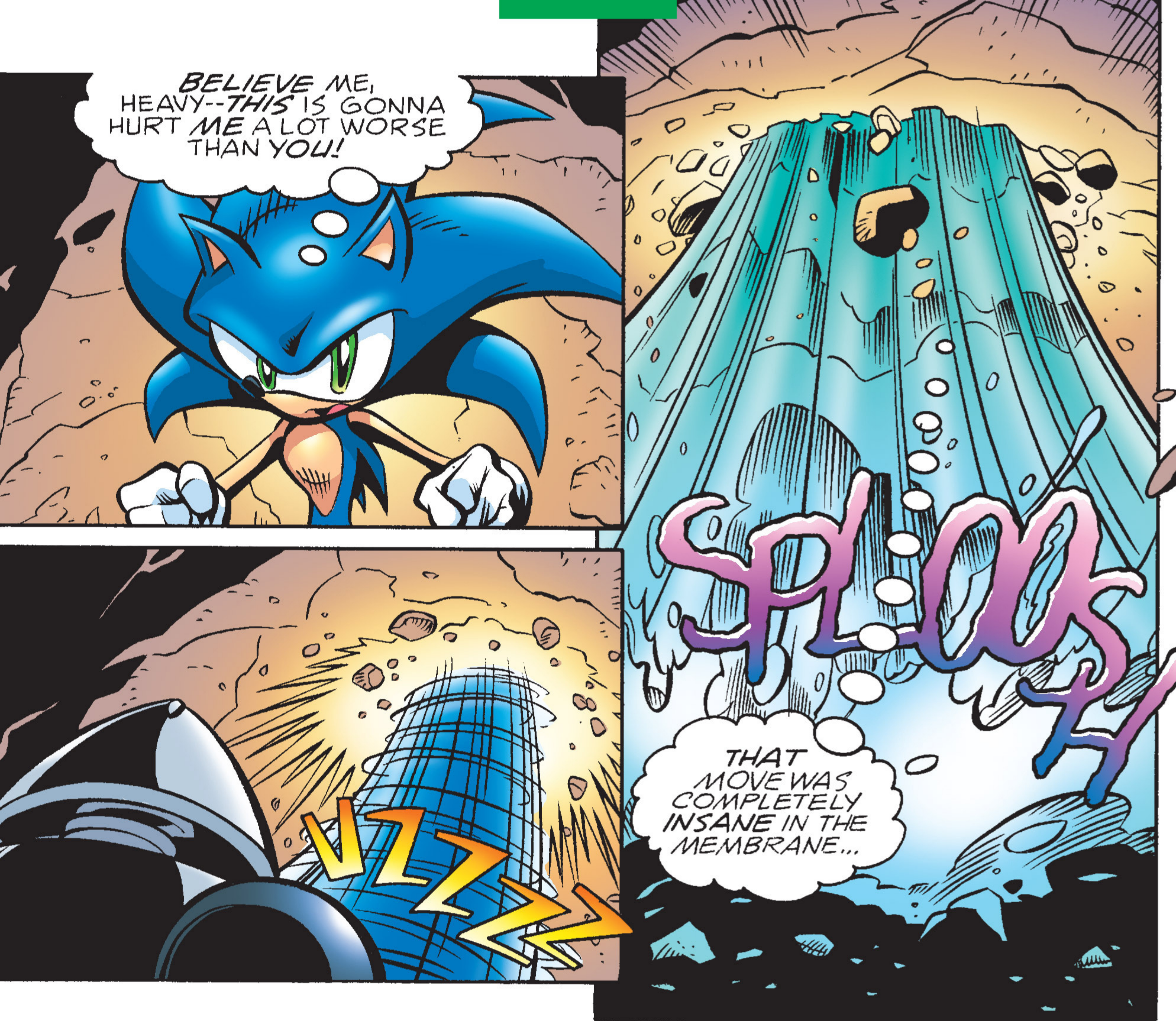
ASH--GET MINA TO SAFETY!

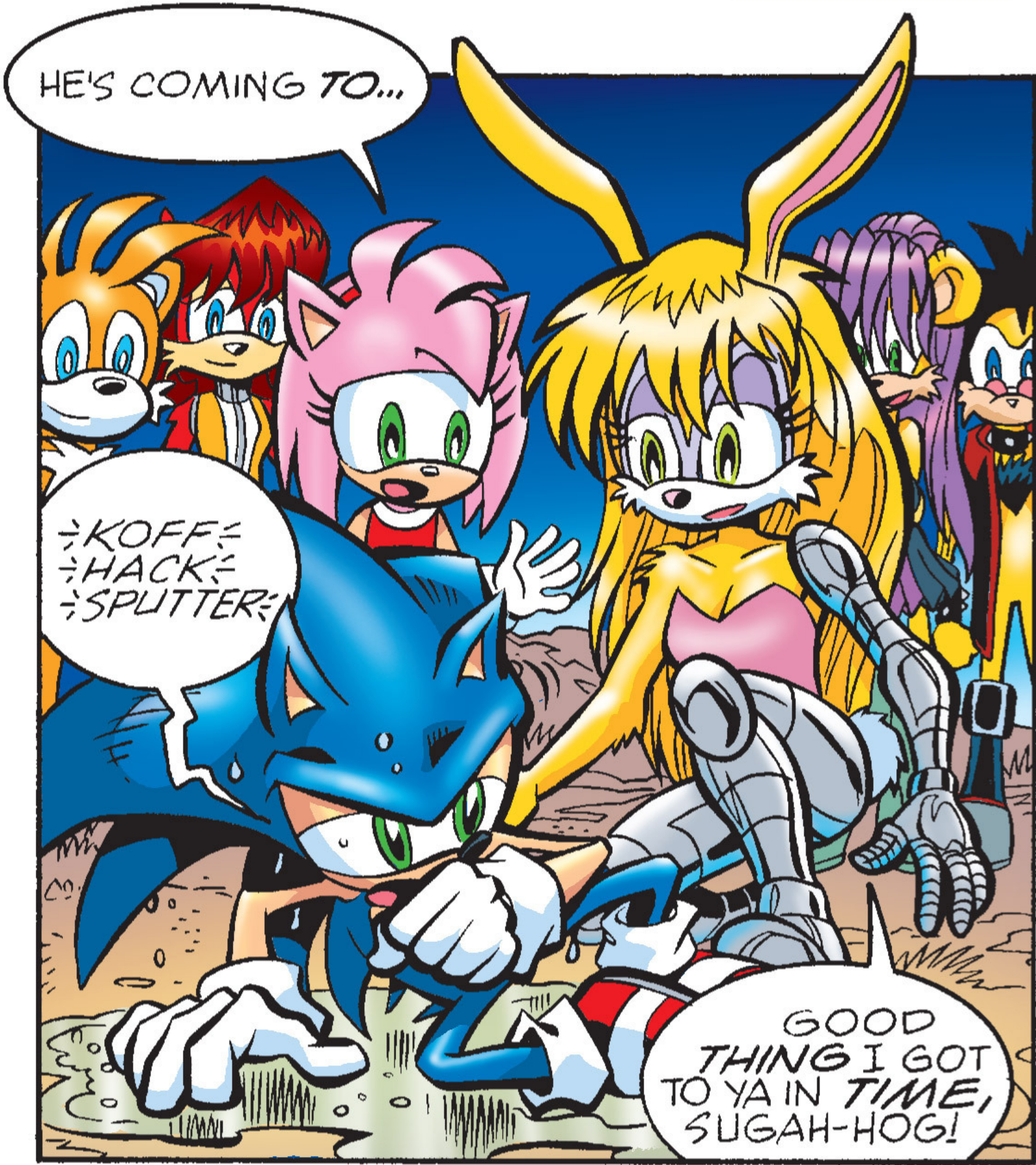
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE!



GEEZ, HEAVY! HIT ME, ALREADY! I'M GETTING BORED HERE!



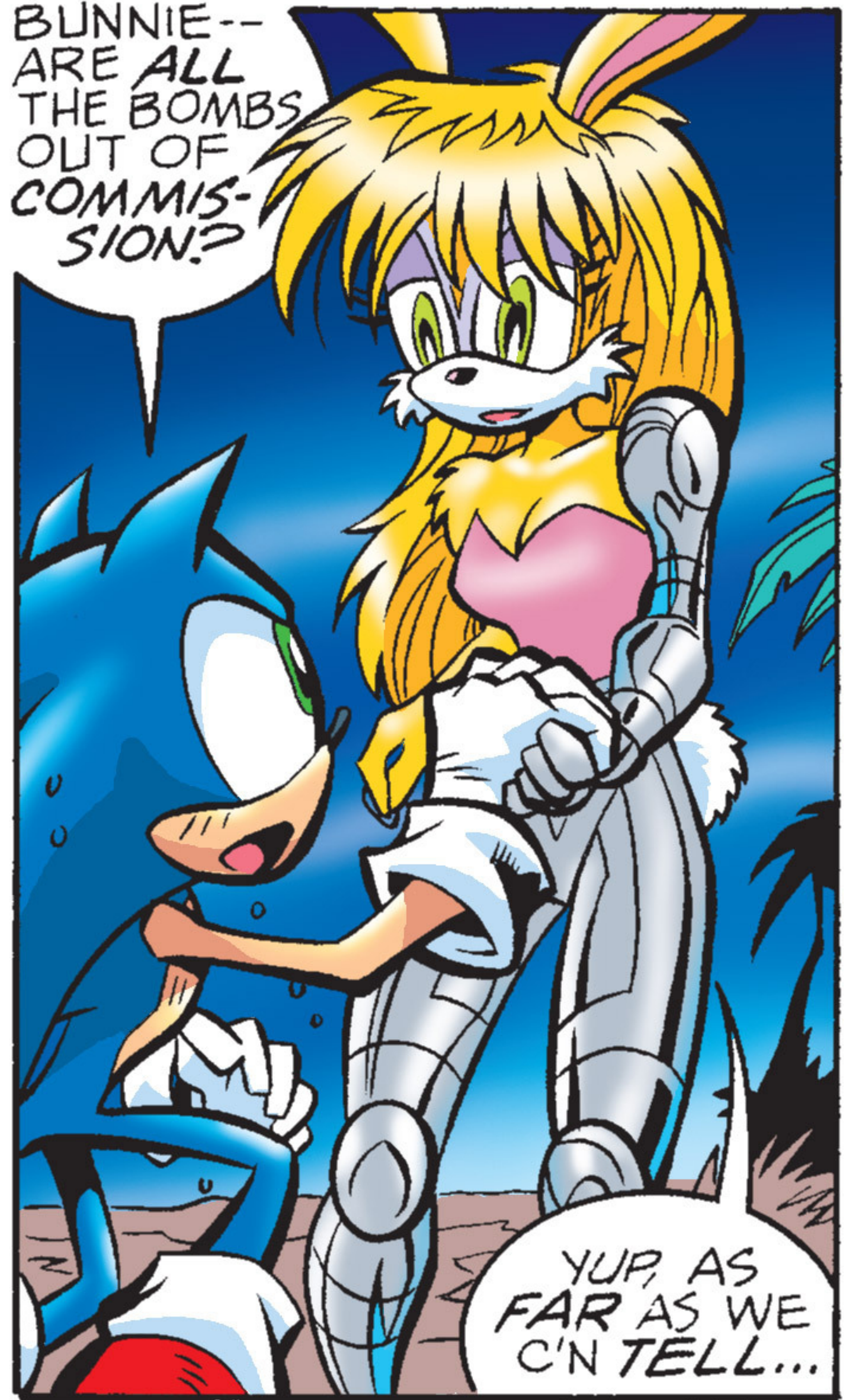




HE'S COMING TO...

÷KOFF÷
÷HACK÷
÷SPLUTTER÷

GOOD
THING I GOT
TO YA IN *TIME*,
SUGAH-HOG!

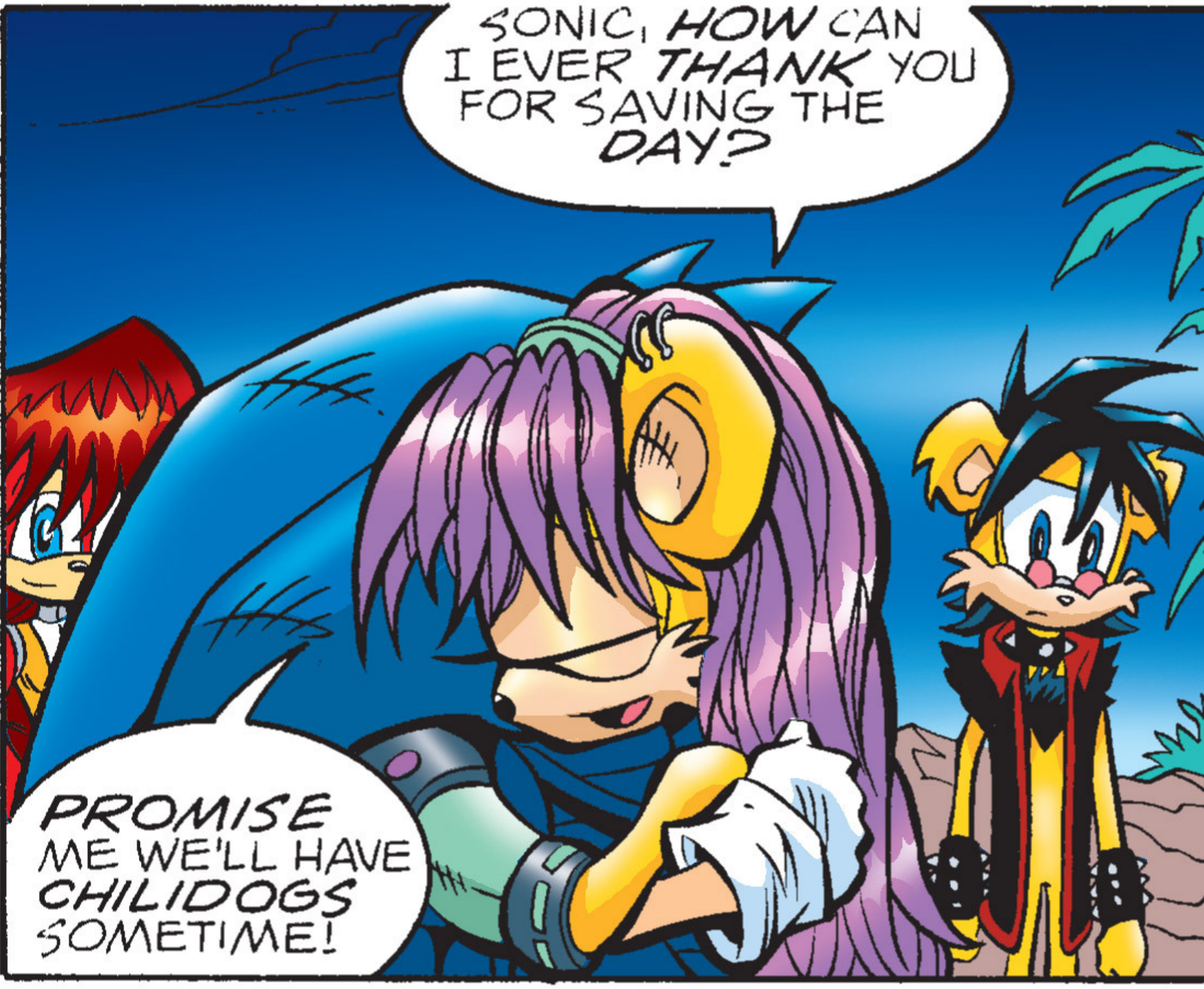


BUNNIE--
ARE *ALL*
THE BOMBS
OUT OF
COMMISS-
SION?!

YUP, AS
FAR AS WE
C'N TELL...

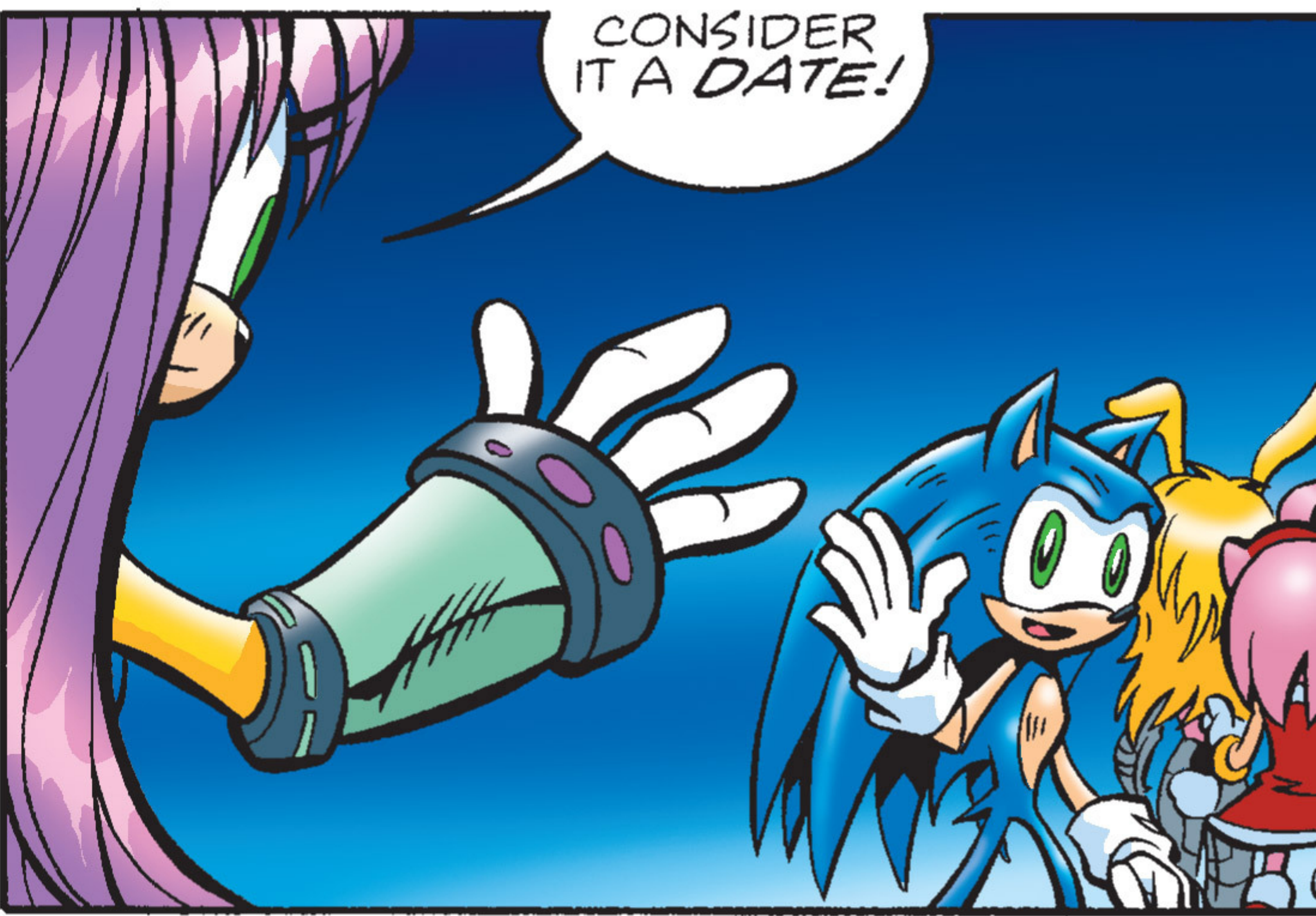
COOL! WE *DID*
IT, SAL. THE
THREAT TO
MINA IS *OVER*
... AND SO IS
THE *CONCERT*,
I GUESS!

DON'T WORRY,
SONIC. MINA
WILL SING
AGAIN, THANKS
TO YOU AND
YOUR *TEAM*.
HOPEFULLY,
ROBOTNIK
WILL *REALIZE*
SHE'S NO EASY
TARGET.



SONIC, HOW CAN
I EVER *THANK* YOU
FOR SAVING THE
DAY?

PROMISE
ME WE'LL HAVE
CHILIDOGS
SOMETIME!



CONSIDER
IT A *DATE*!

SOON...

MINA,
WAIT!

WHAT
DO YOU
WANT,
ASH?

I WANT
TO TALK.

I DON'T THINK
THERE'S ANY-
THING LEFT TO
DISCUSS. IT'S
OVER
BETWEEN
US.

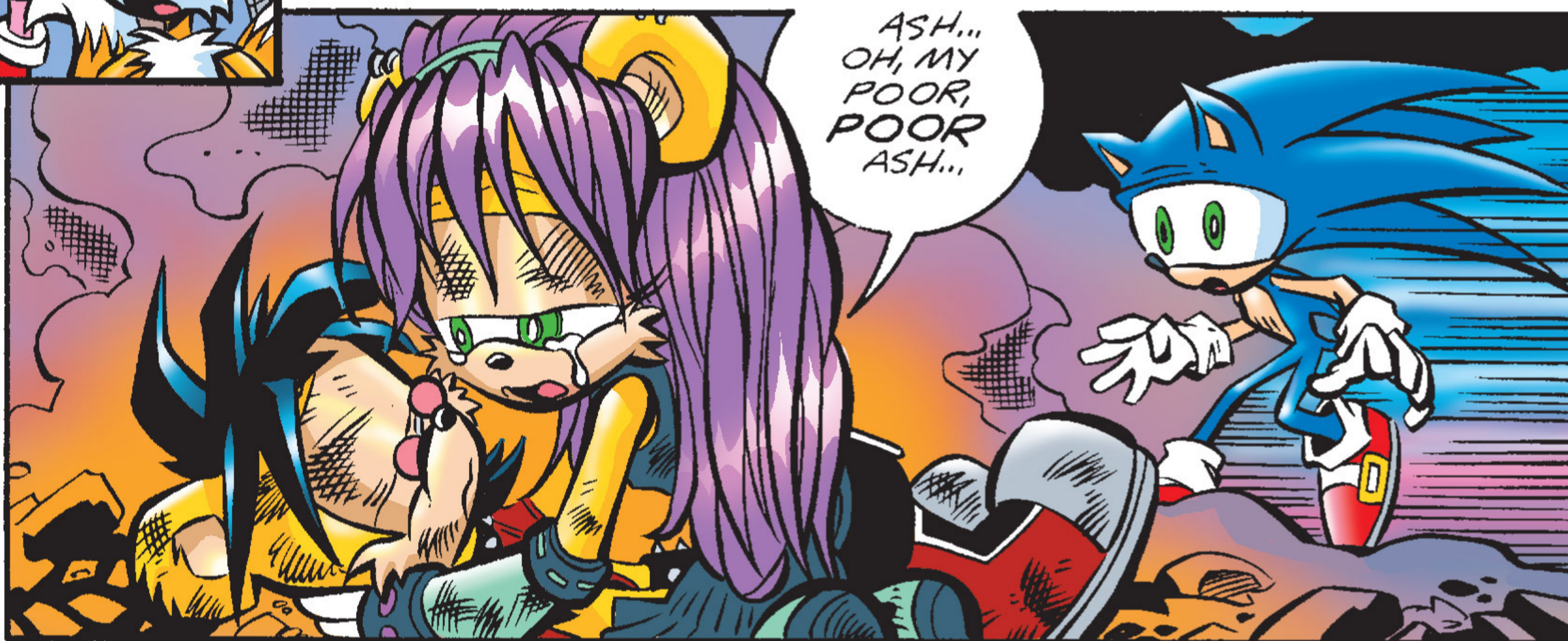
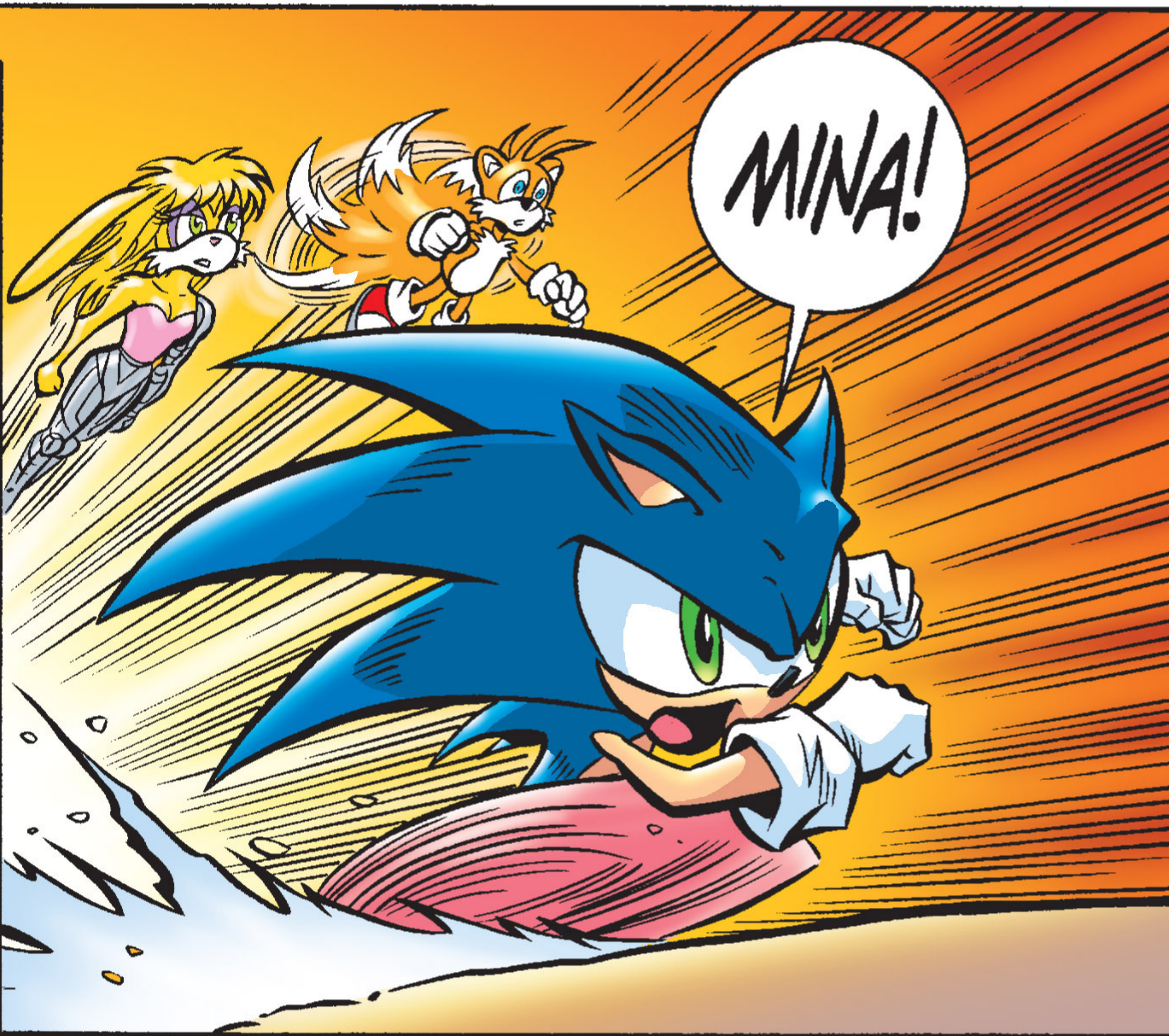
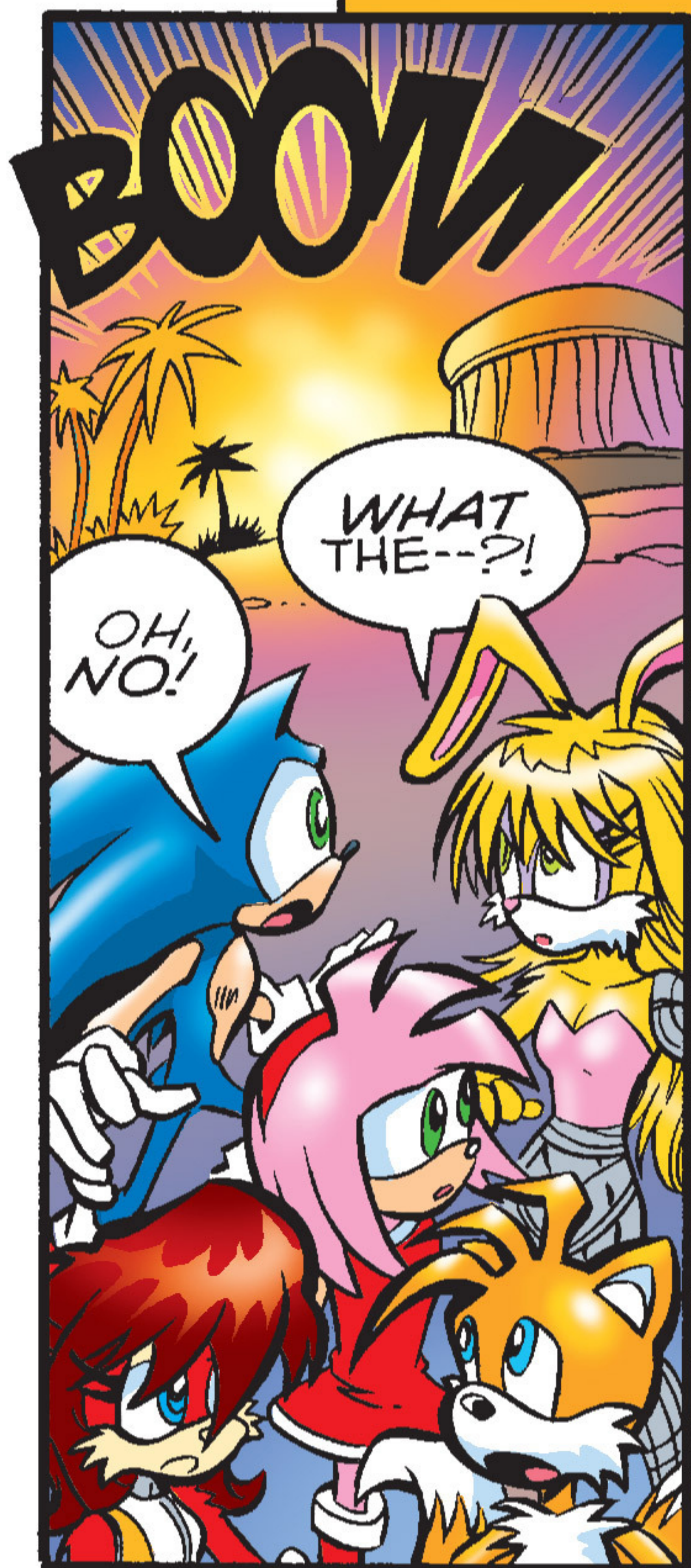
BUT I
LOVE--

OH, MY GOSH!
ANOTHER BOMB!

TICK-TICK
TICK-TICK

DON'T WORRY,
MINA! I'LL TAKE
CARE OF IT!

ASH!
NO!!!



THE ROYAL INFIRMARY --LATER.

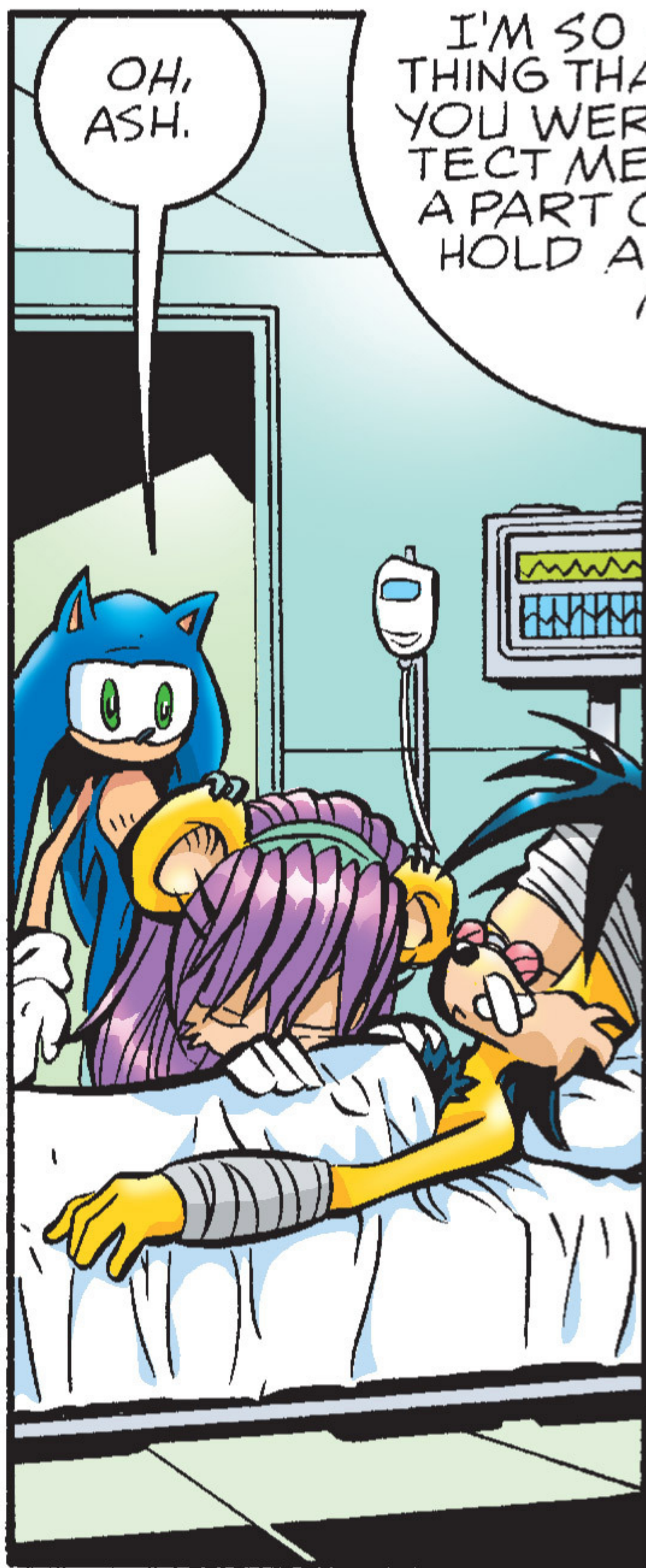
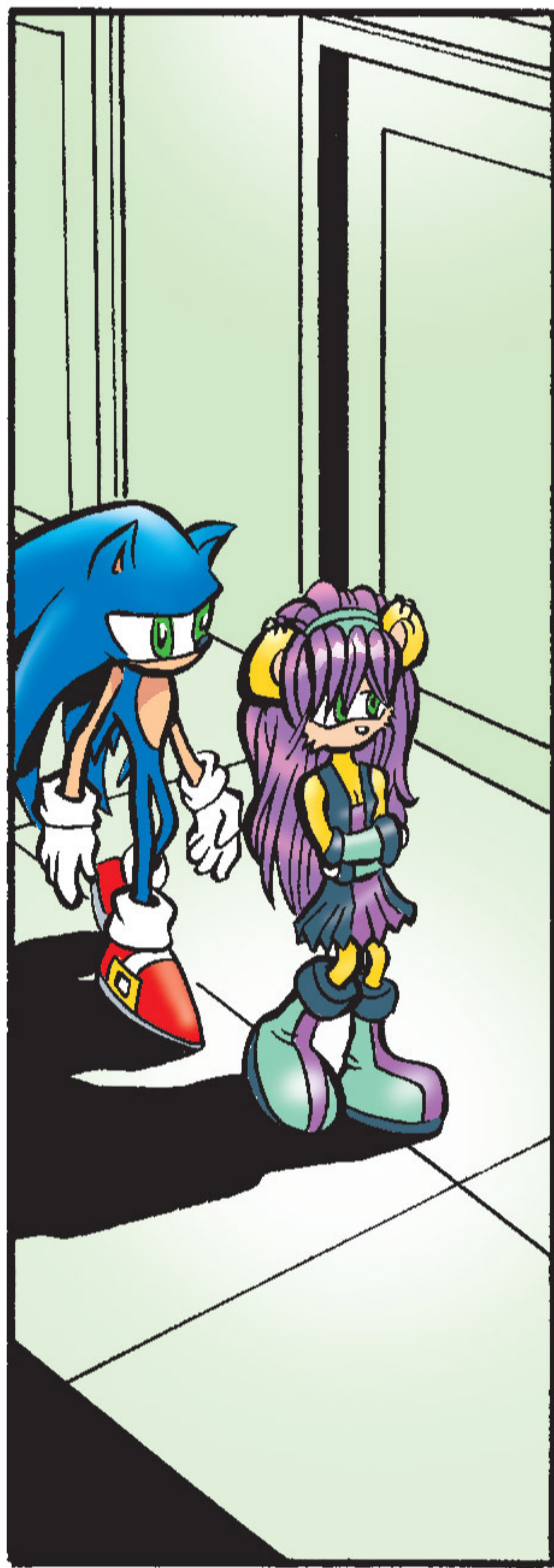
DOCTOR QUACK!

FIRST... GENERAL D'COOLETTE* ...NOW THIS. ANY WORD?

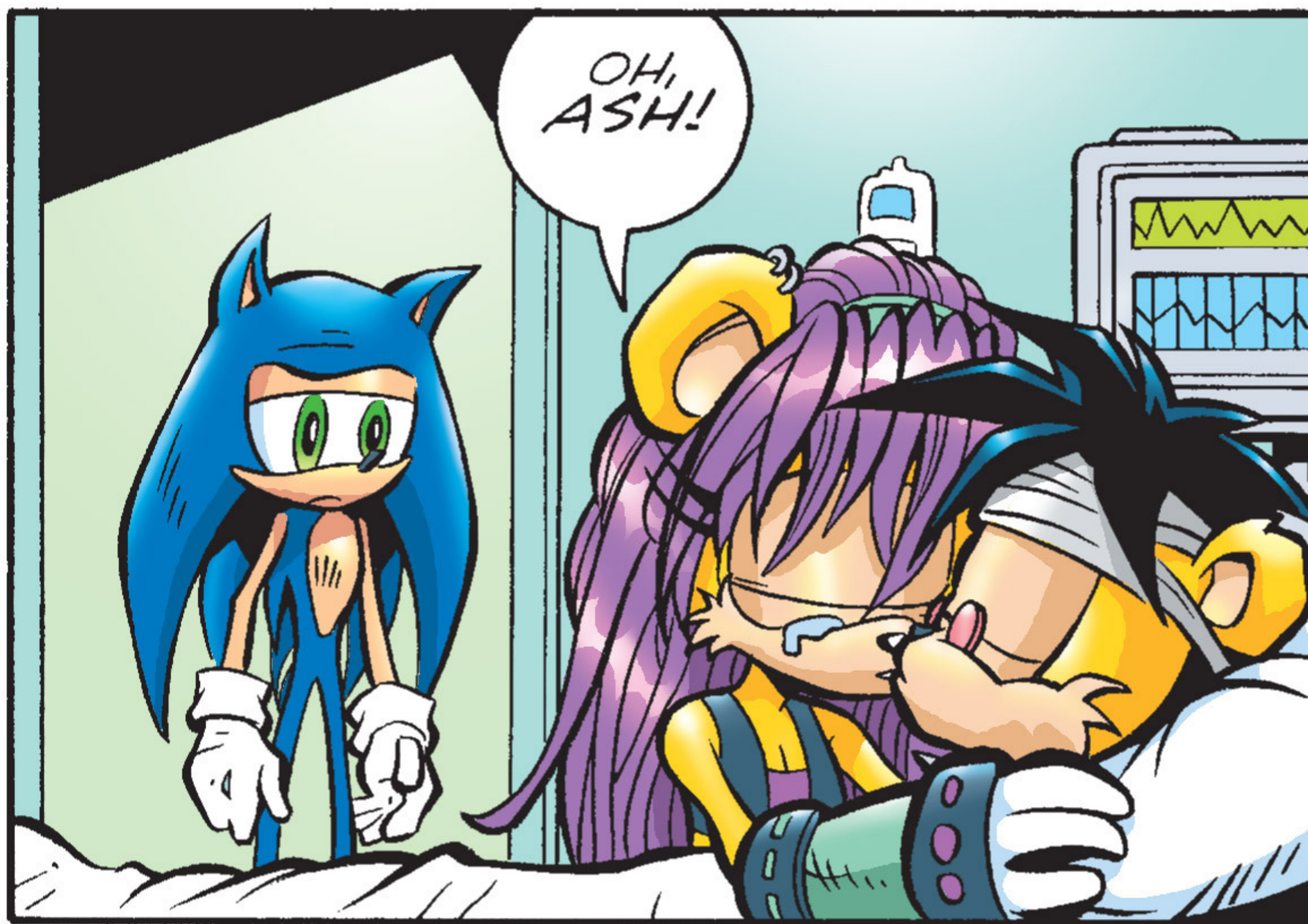
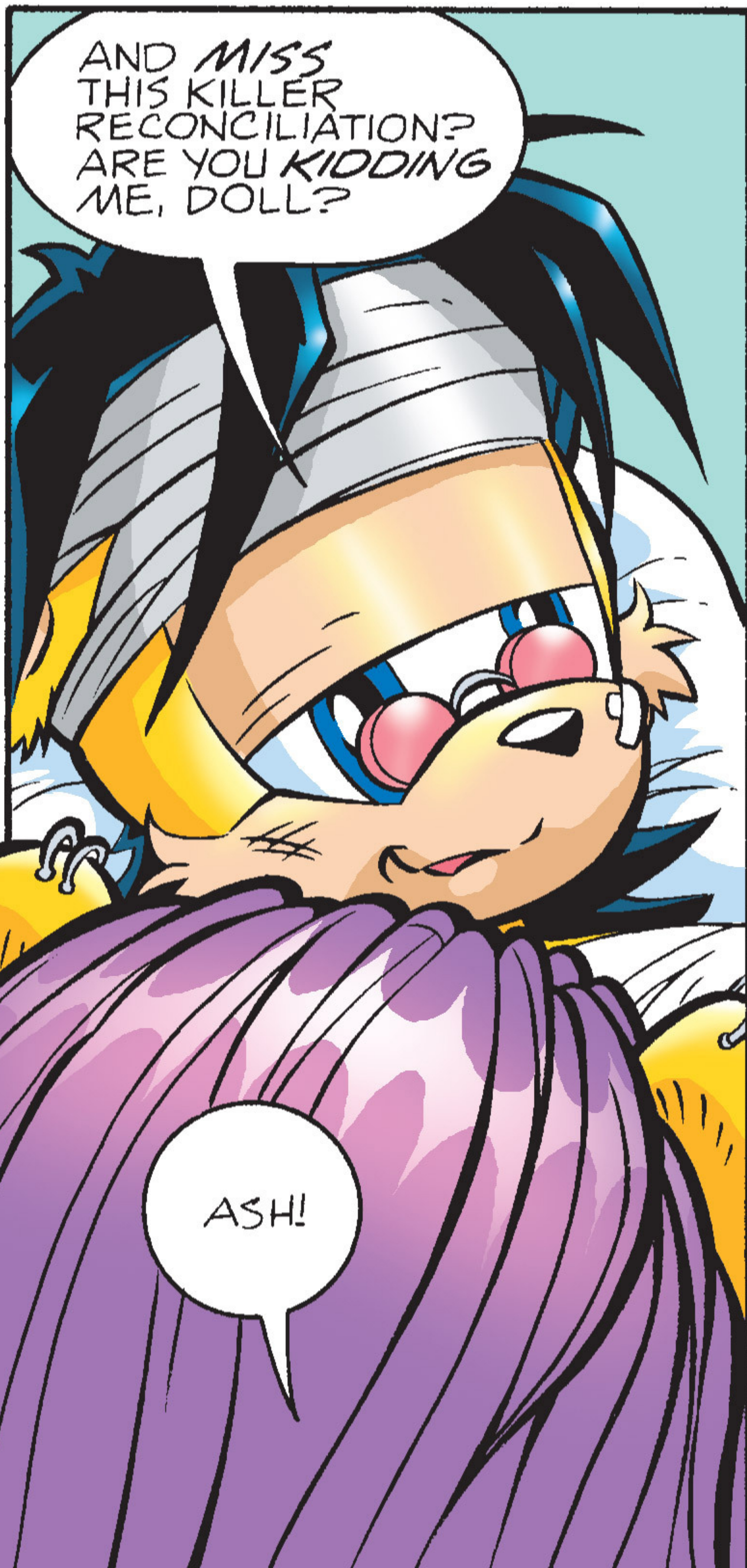
WELL, HE'S GOING TO PULL THROUGH...

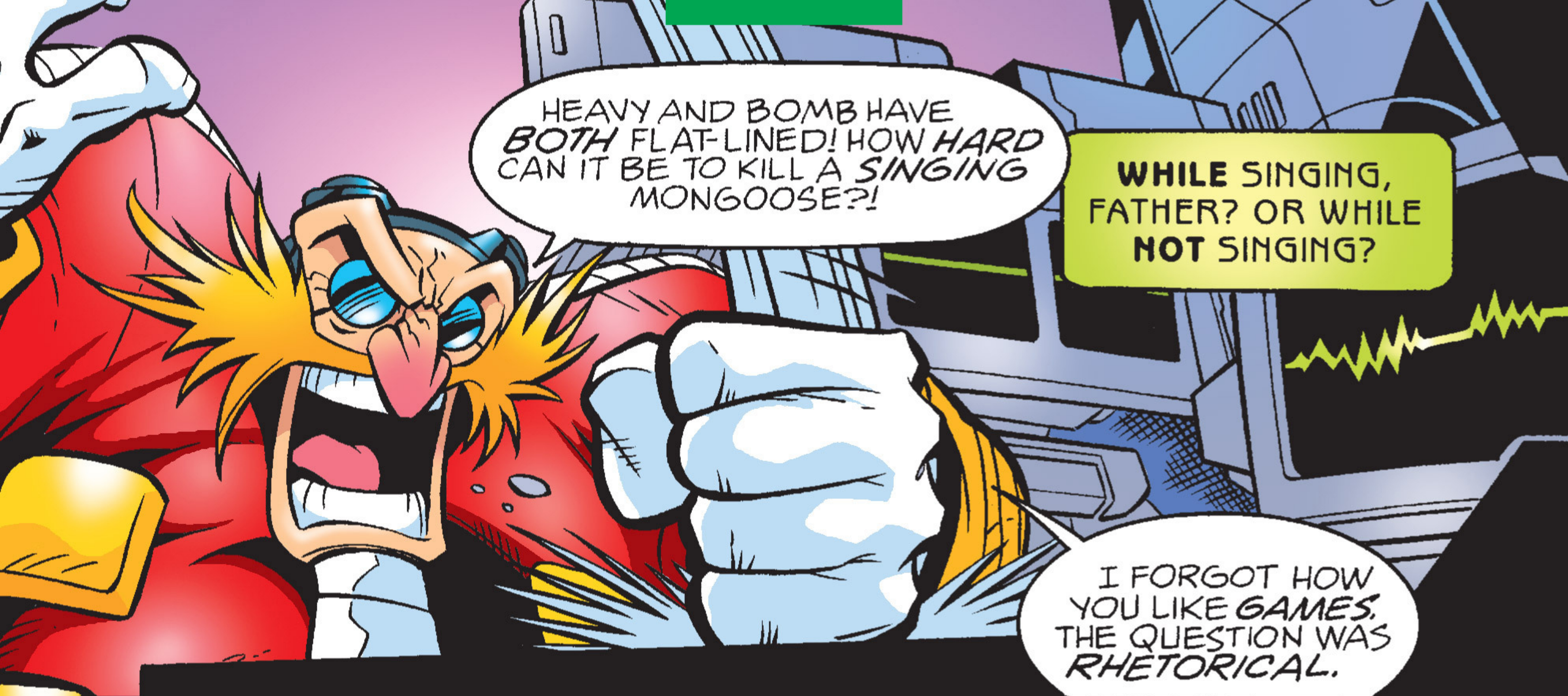
...BUT HE'S GOING TO BE ON THE SLOW MEND FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. HE'S SLEEPING, BUT YOU CAN GO SEE HIM NOW, MINA.

*LAST ISSUE GENERAL D'COOLETTE FELL SERIOUSLY ILL.



I'M SO *SORRY* FOR EVERYTHING THAT *HAPPENED*. I KNOW YOU WERE ONLY *TRYING* TO PROTECT ME THE *SAME* AS SONIC. A PART OF ME WILL *ALWAYS* HOLD A PLACE FOR HIM IN MY *HEART*...





HEAVY AND BOMB HAVE **BOTH** FLAT-LINED! HOW **HARD** CAN IT BE TO KILL A **SINGING** MONGOOSE?!

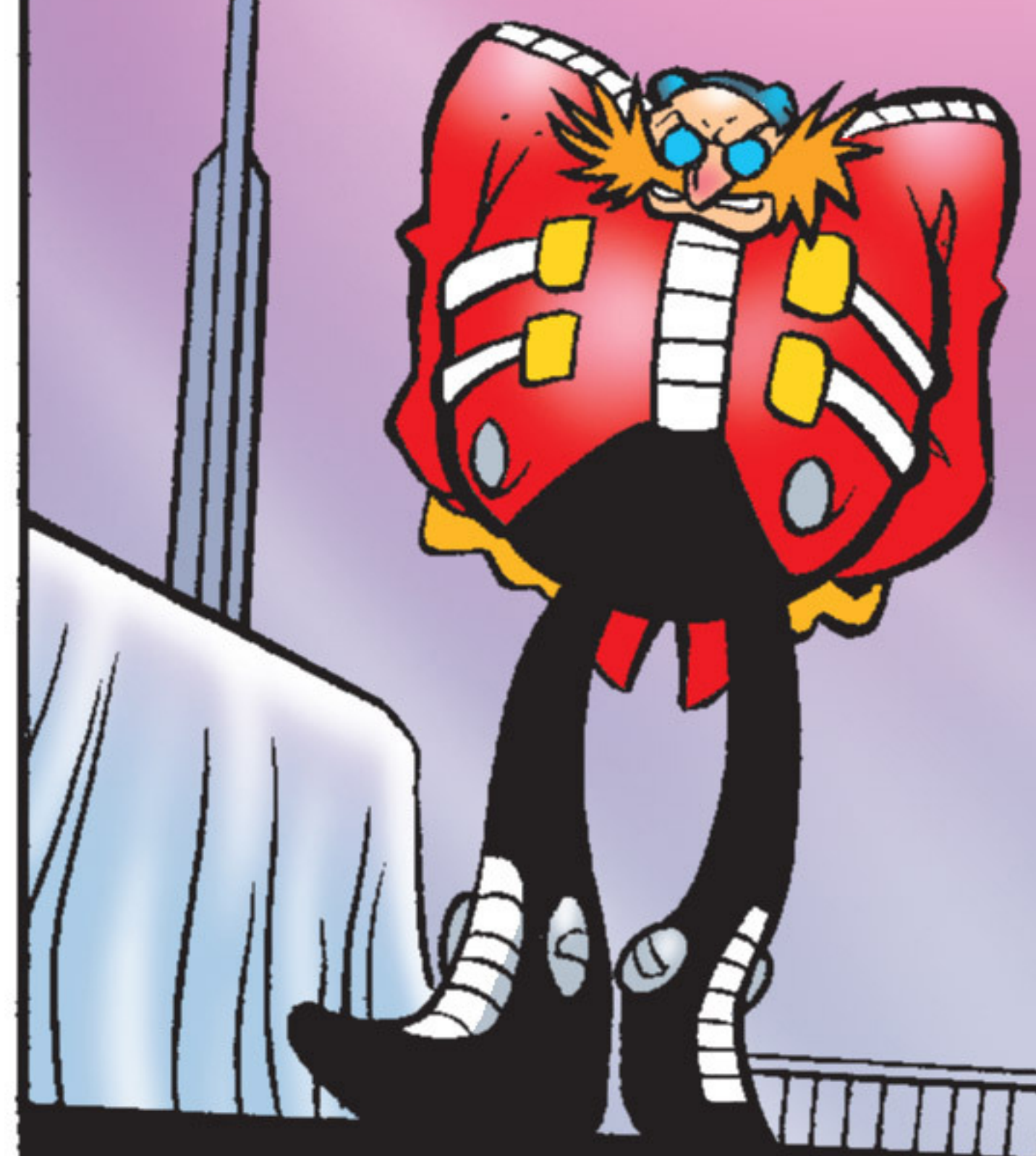
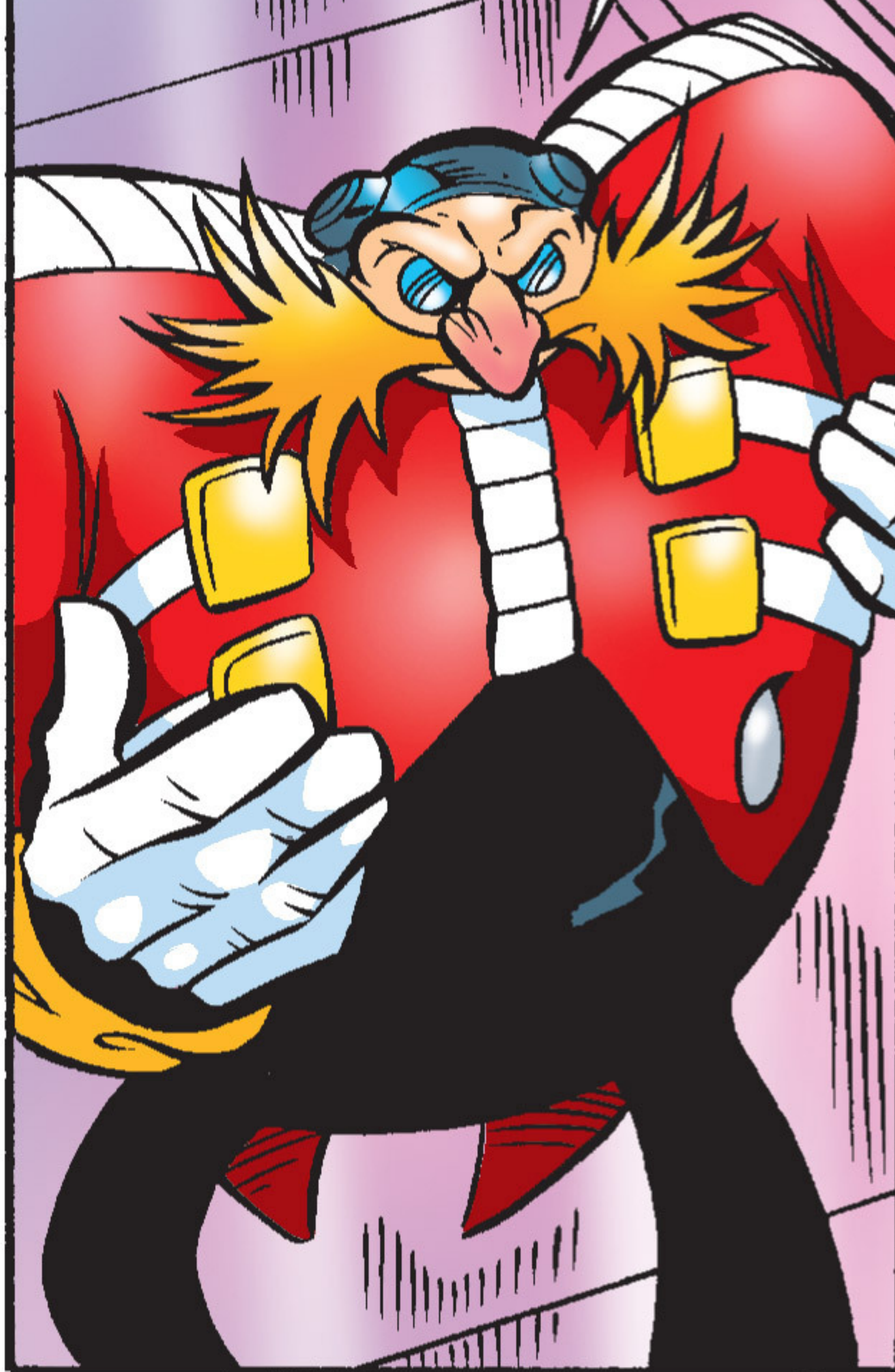
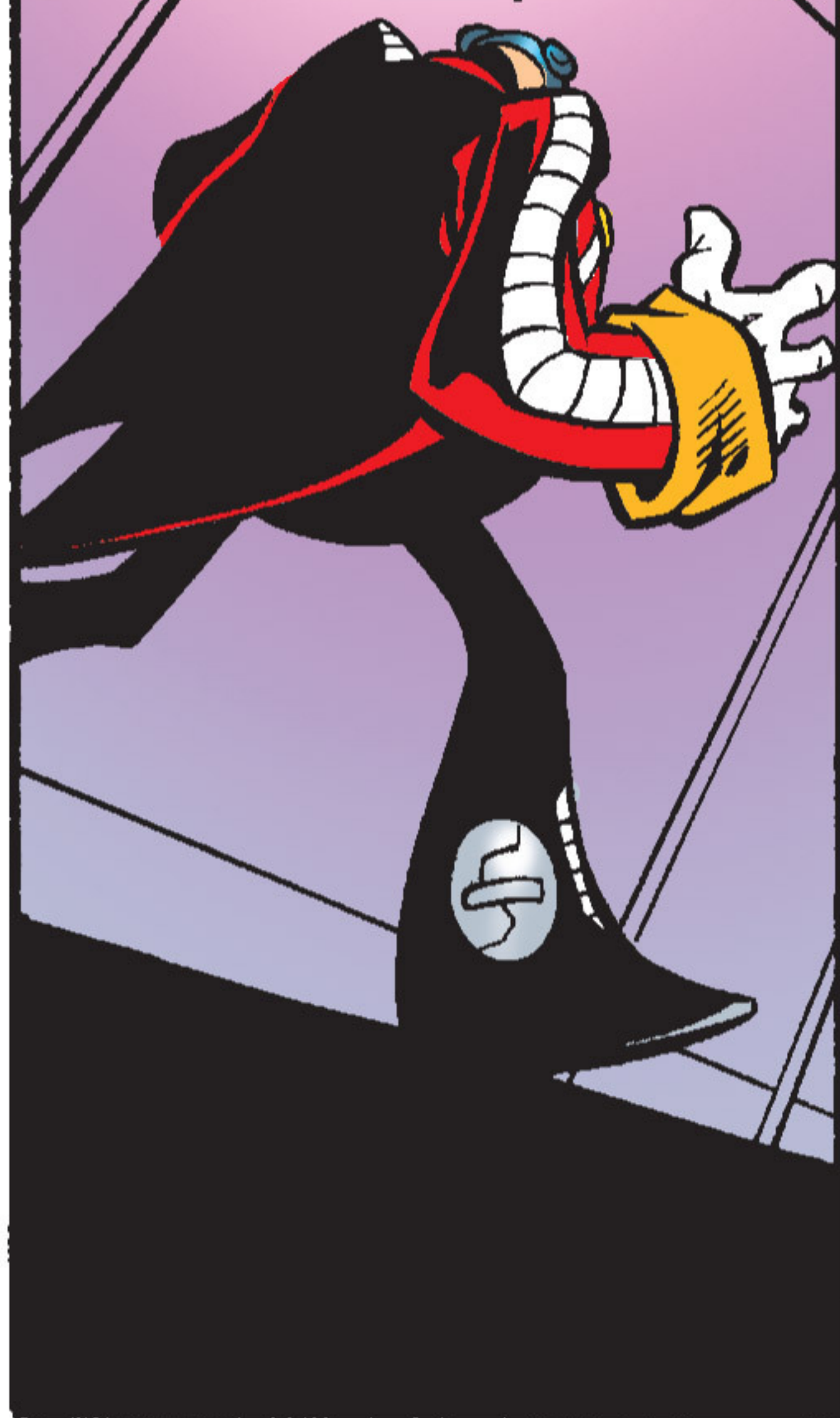
WHILE SINGING,
FATHER? OR WHILE
NOT SINGING?

I FORGOT HOW
YOU LIKE **GAMES**.
THE QUESTION WAS
RHETORICAL.

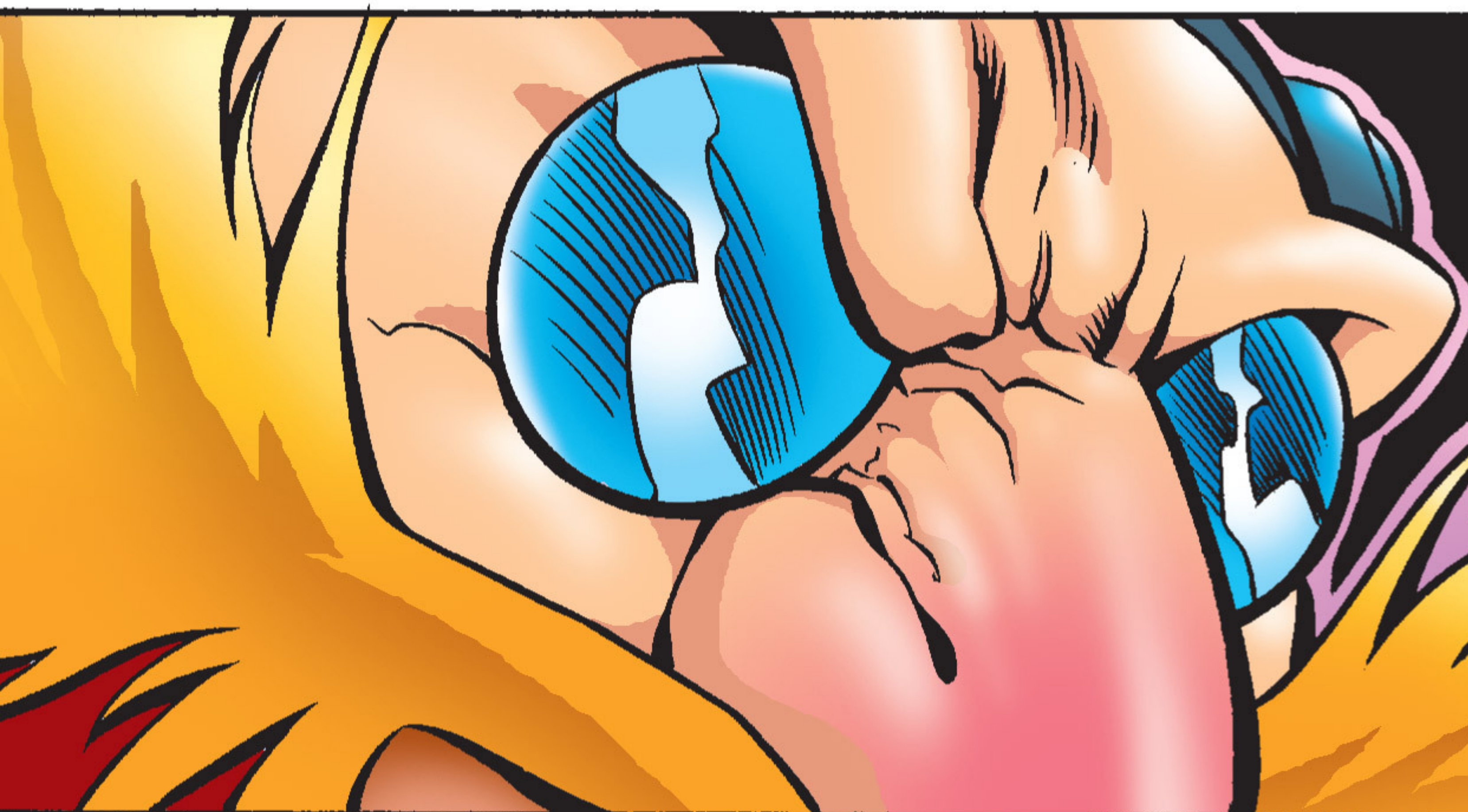
I MEAN, EVEN **I**
HAVE TO ADMIT
THAT HER **FIRST**
ALBUM HAD **SOME-**
THING TO IT, BUT
AFTER THAT...
UGH! WHO DOES
SHE THINK SHE'S
KIDDING?

ANYWHOO, I'VE GIVEN
UP ON **TARGETING** HER
...FOR NOW. IT'S OBVIOUS
THAT WEASEL ISN'T AS
DEADLY AS I HAD
THOUGHT. HE FAILED
HIS TEST MISERABLY.

I MISS MY FORMER
BODY. *THIS ONE IS
SO WEAK AND...



*ROBOTNIK WAS AT
ONE TIME NOT FLESH
AND BLOOD.



...BREAKABLE.

OH, THAT
GIVES ME
AN IDEA.

next month:
EVIL GENIUS+EVIL IDEAS=
BIG TROUBLE

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE

EVER SINCE SONIC AND COMPANY HAD DISCOVERED THE EXISTENCE OF THE **NANITES**, THE **BRAIN TRUST** HAS BEEN HARD AT WORK TRYING TO ESTABLISH EXACTLY **WHAT** THEY ARE...

IF THIS DOESN'T **STIMULATE** SOME RESPONSE FROM THE NANITES --

-- THEN **NOTHING** WILL!

LET'S SEE HOW YOU'D REACT WITH **50,000 VOLTS** RUNNING THROUGH **YOUR** SYSTEM!

ELECTRICITY IS TO THEM AS **CHILI-DOGS** ARE TO **SONIC**!

NO **REACTION!**

THEY'RE **DEAD**, SNIVELY!

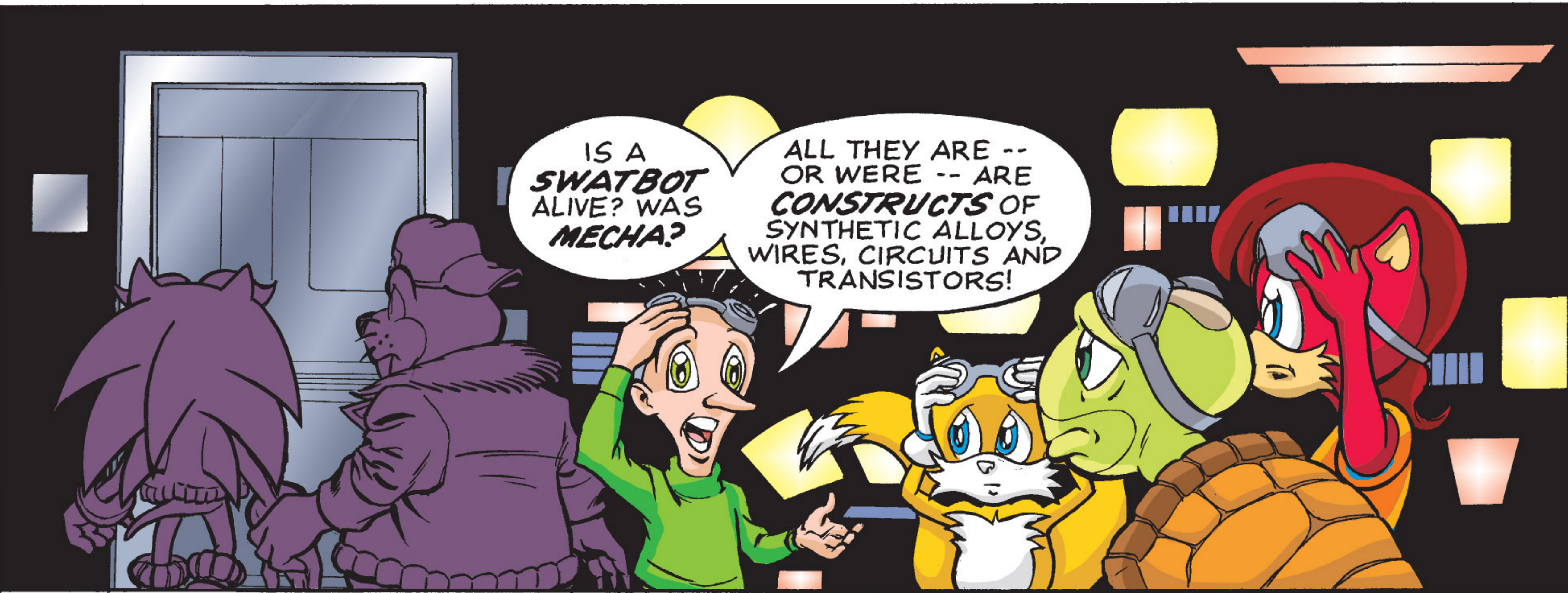
HARDLY, TOMMY!

YOU **CAN'T** KILL SOMETHING THAT **WASN'T** EVEN **ALIVE** TO BEGIN WITH!

YOU **KILLED** THE **NANITES**!

HOW CAN YOU BE SURE?

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IS A
SWATBOT
ALIVE? WAS
MECHA?

ALL THEY ARE --
OR WERE -- ARE
CONSTRUCTS OF
SYNTHETIC ALLOYS,
WIRES, CIRCUITS AND
TRANSISTORS!

DOCTOR
ROBOTNIK
HAS **NEVER**
CREATED
LIFE!

HE ONLY
BUILDS A
BETTER
ROBOT!

-- BUT
SNIVELY'S
RIGHT!

C'MON! LET'S
GO HAVE A
FROZZLE!

IN A BIT,
MILES!

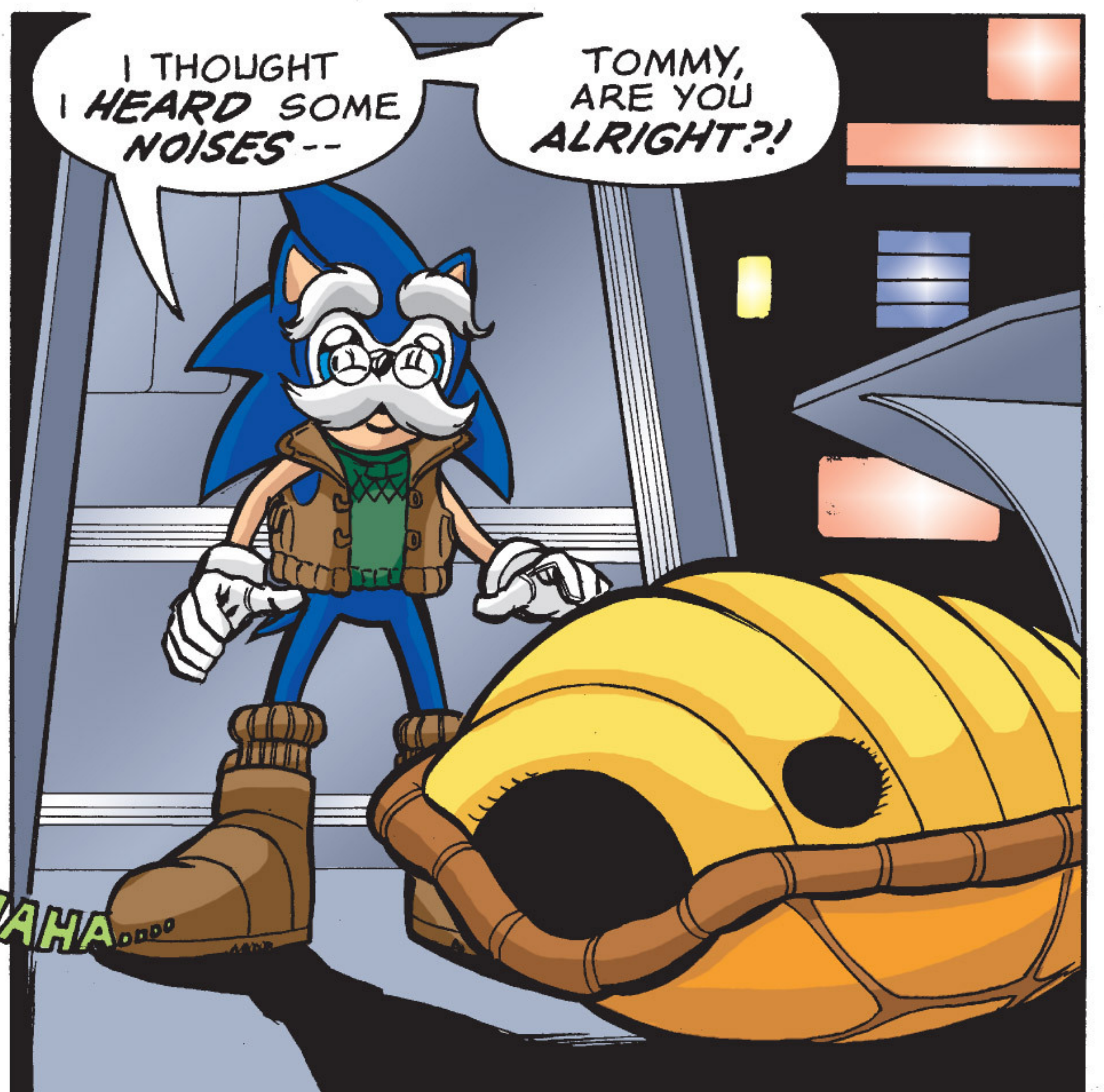
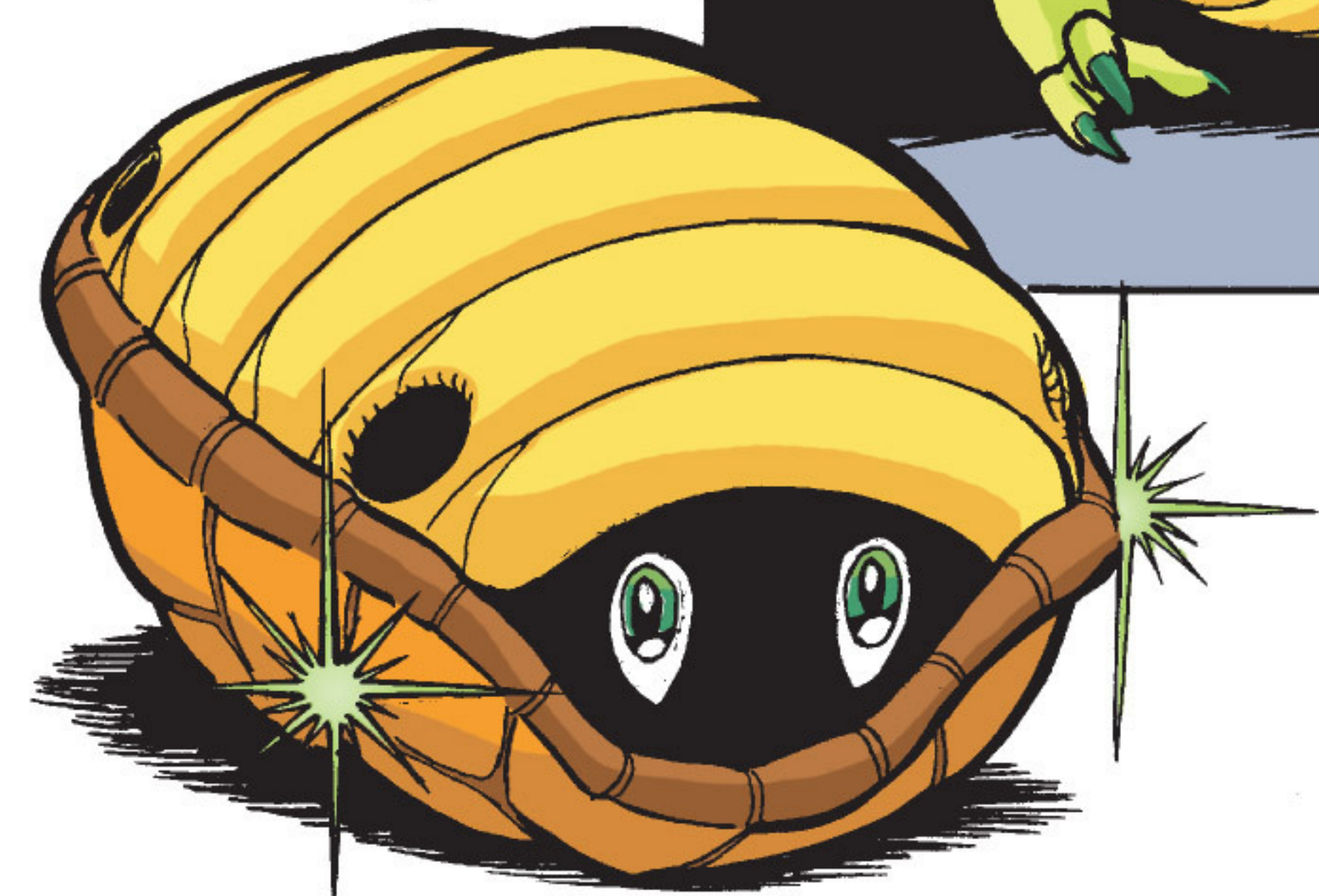
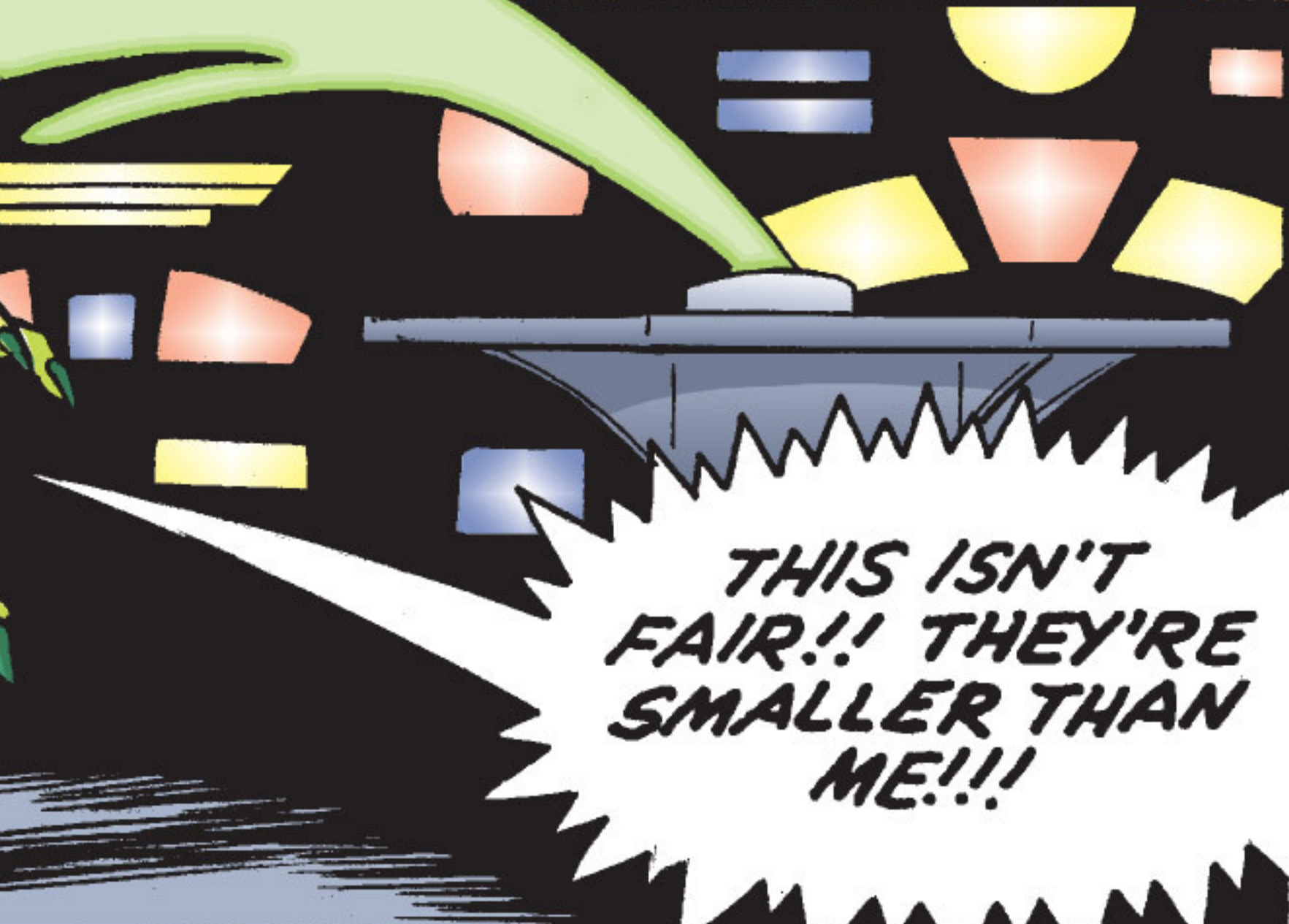
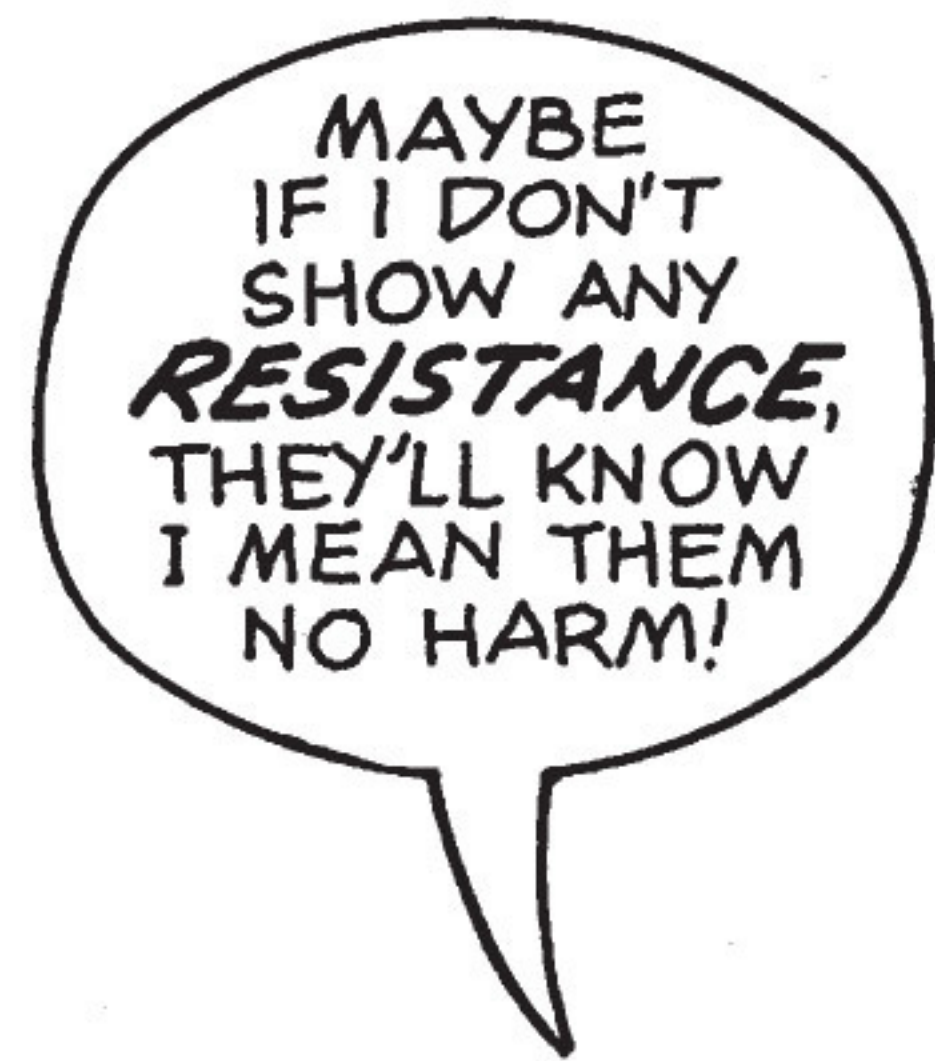
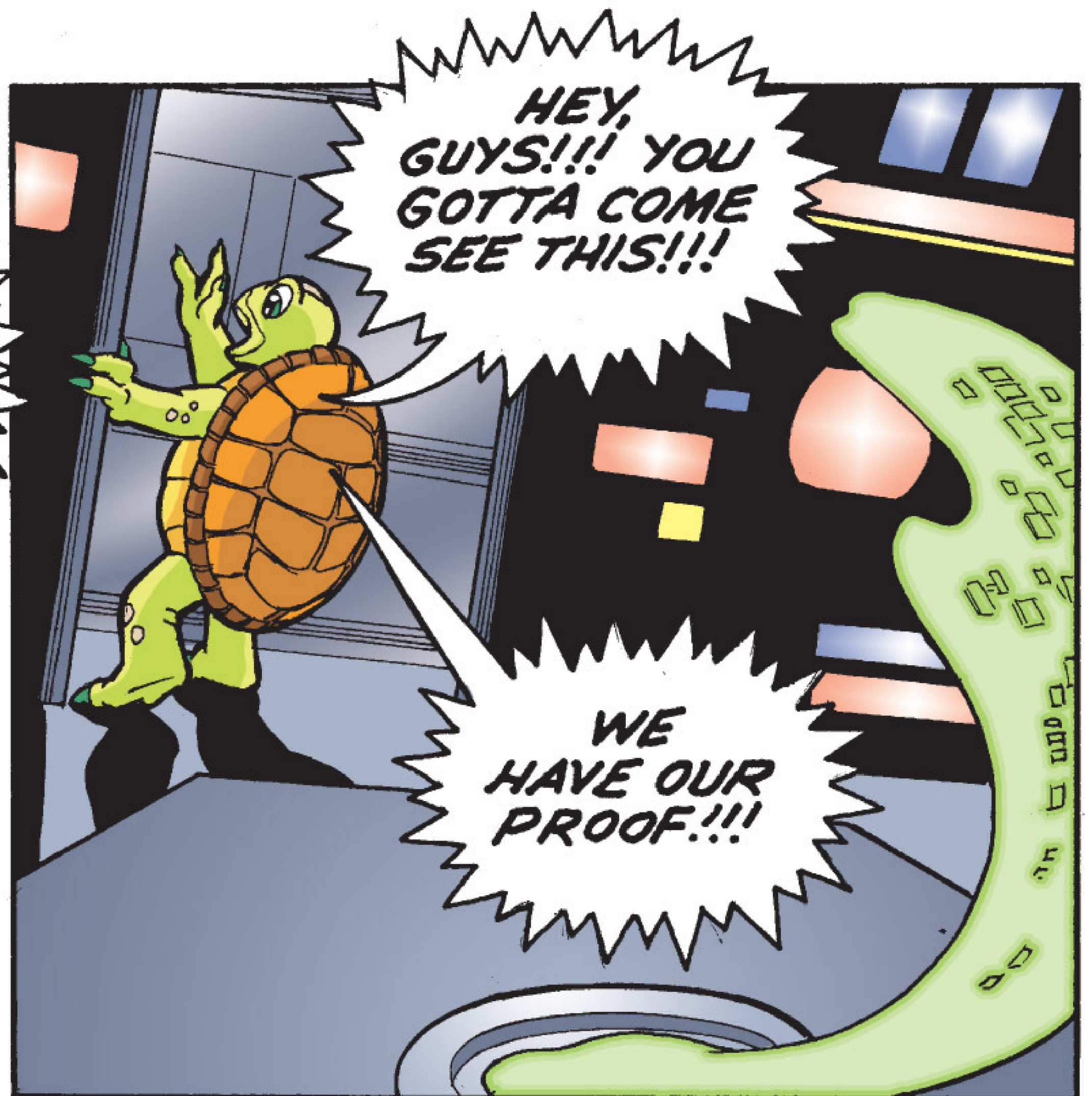
I HATE
TO SAY IT,
TOMMY --

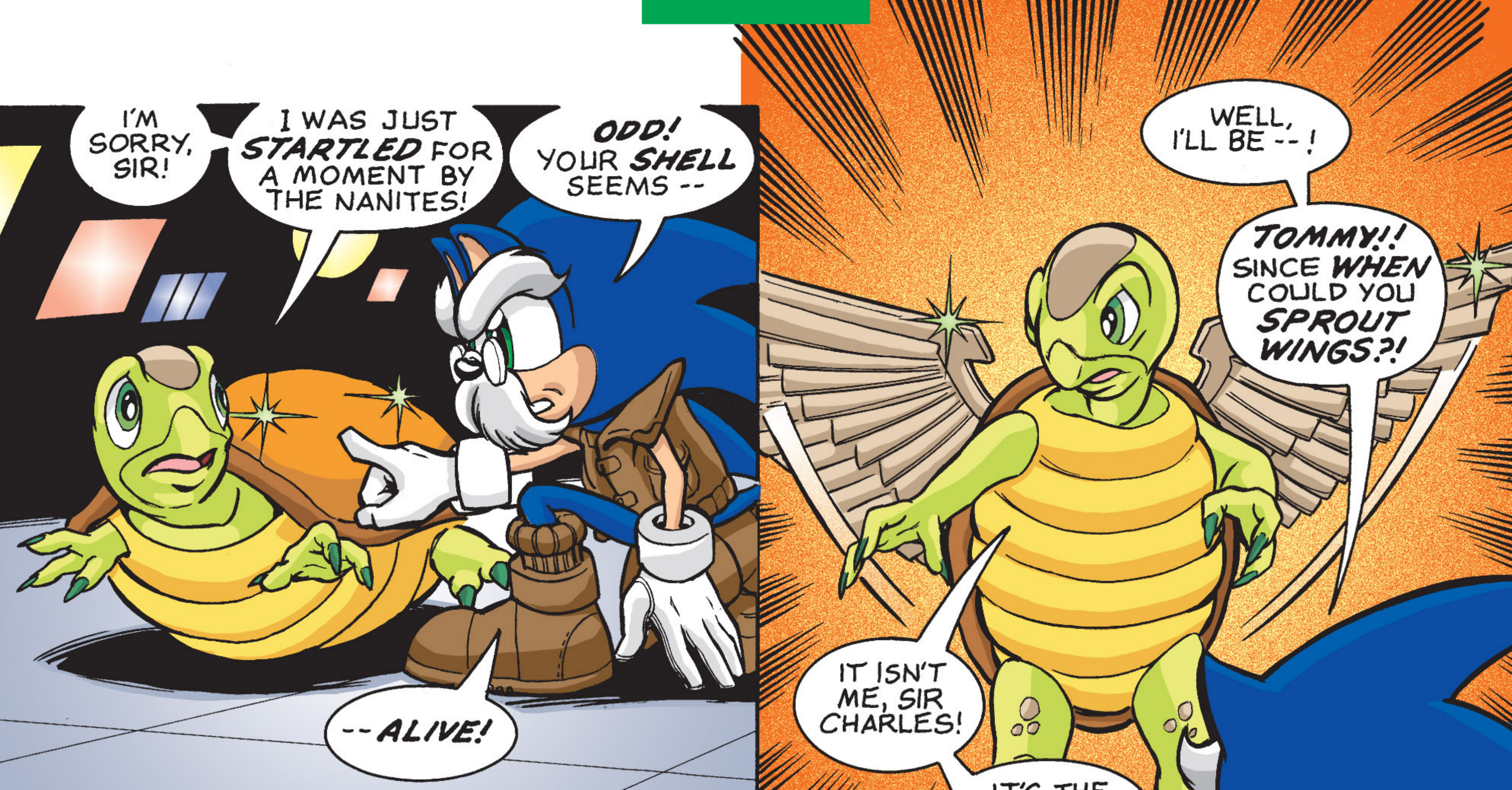
I USED TO BE
PUT DOWN FOR
BEING **SMALL**
AND **SLOW!**

SO
WHY NOT
PROVE
TO --

WHA --?!

AFTER SEEING WHAT A **LOT** OF
YOU **CAN** DO, I'M SURE YOU GUYS
ARE **CAPABLE** OF **SOMETHING!**



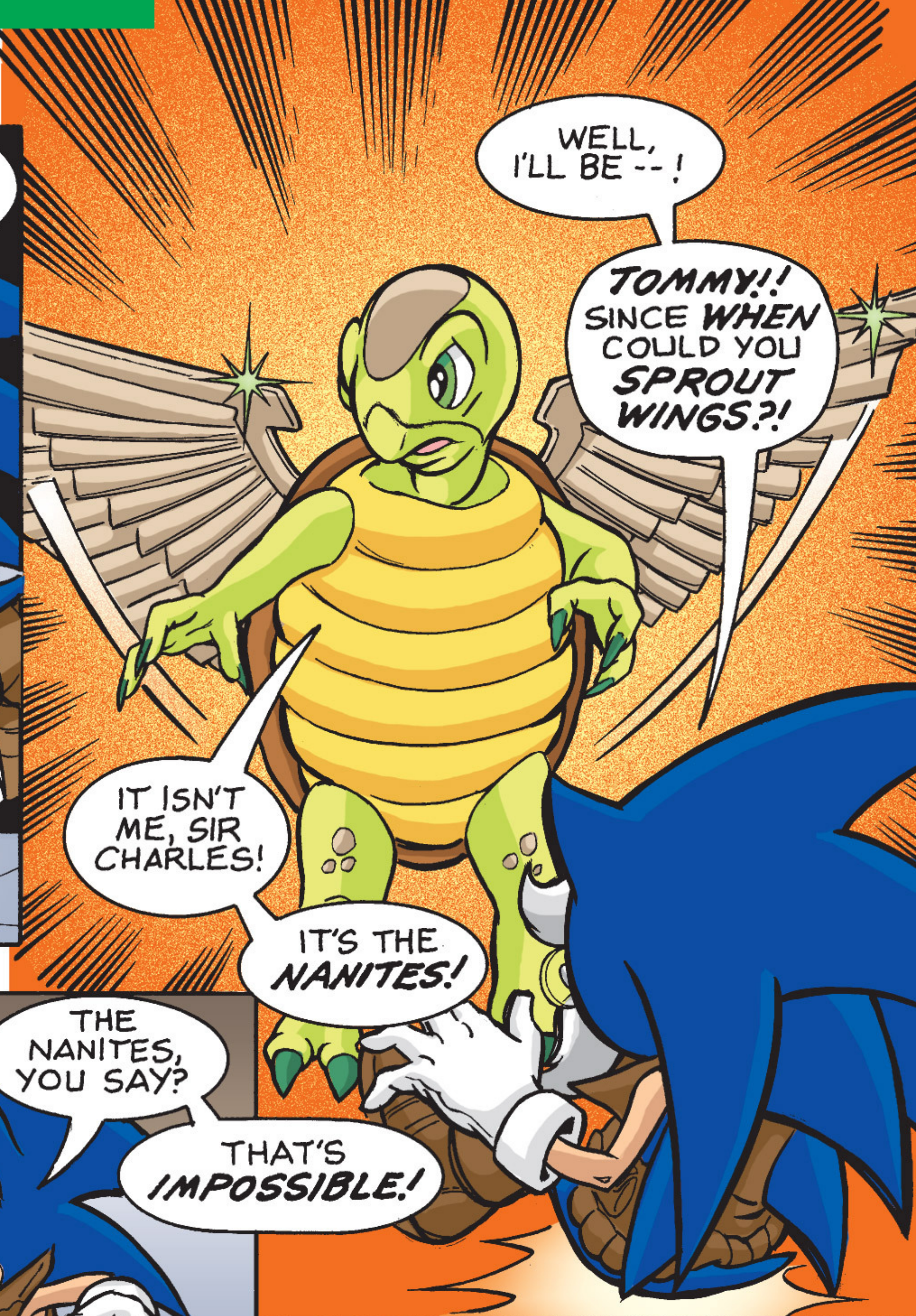


I'M SORRY, SIR!

I WAS JUST **STARTLED** FOR A MOMENT BY THE NANITES!

ODD! YOUR **SHELL** SEEMS --

-- **ALIVE!**

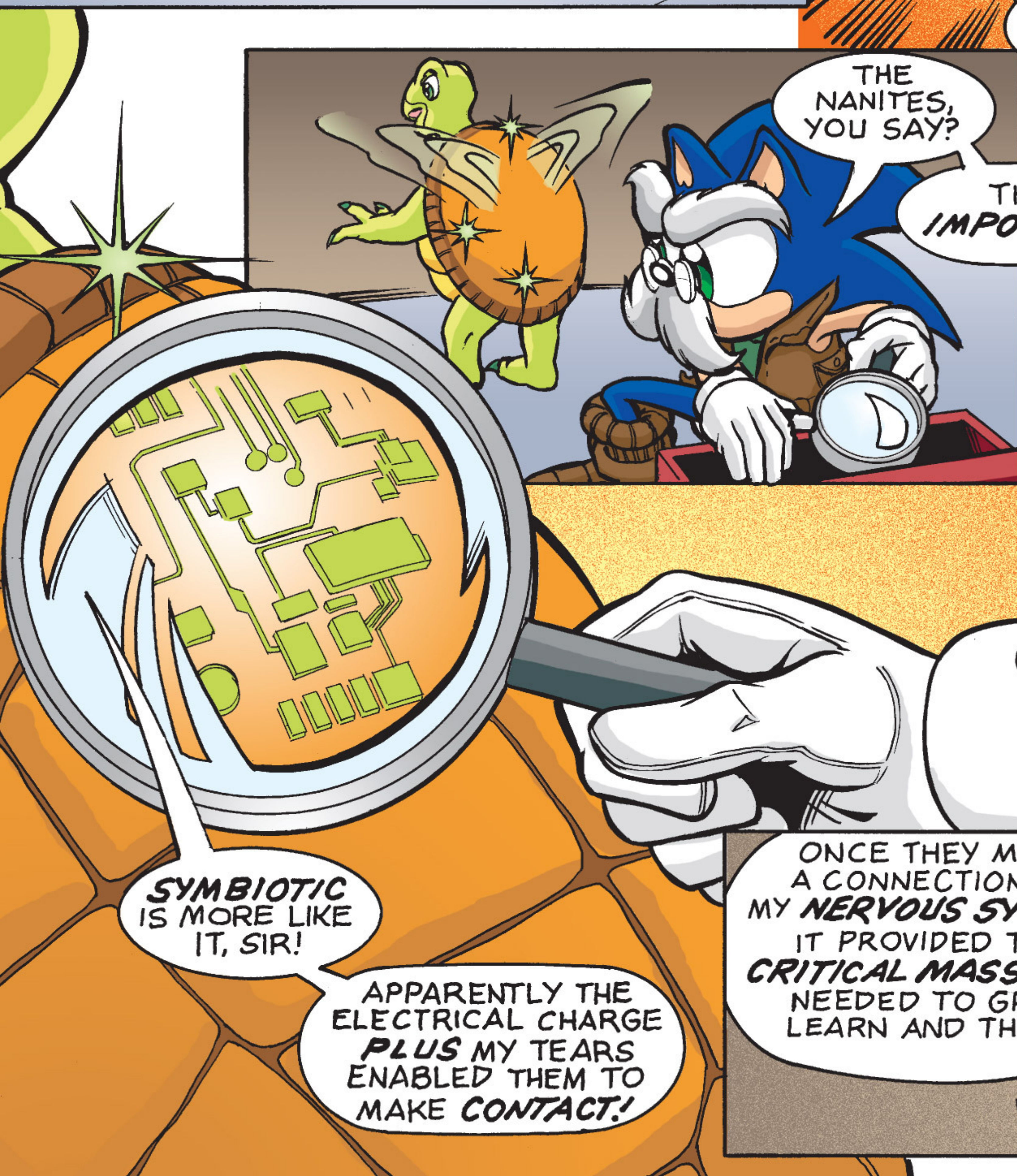


WELL, I'LL BE --!

TOMMY!! SINCE **WHEN** COULD YOU **SPROUT WINGS?!**

IT ISN'T ME, SIR CHARLES!

IT'S THE **NANITES!**



THE **NANITES**, YOU SAY?

THAT'S **IMPOSSIBLE!**

BY JOVE, YOUR SHELL IS NOW COMPOSED **ENTIRELY OF NANITES!**

HOW **PARASITIC!**

SYMBIOTIC IS MORE LIKE IT, SIR!

APPARENTLY THE ELECTRICAL CHARGE **PLUS** MY TEARS ENABLED THEM TO MAKE **CONTACT!**

ONCE THEY MADE A CONNECTION WITH MY **NERVOUS SYSTEM**, IT PROVIDED THE **CRITICAL MASS** THEY NEEDED TO GROW, LEARN AND THRIVE!



AND HOW DO **YOU** BENEFIT?

THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN, SIR!

THE QUESTION THEN BECOMES -- DO I HAVE **CONTROL** --

-- OR DO **THEY?**

SOMETIME LATER, UPON RECEIVING **SIR CHARLES'** CALL, THE **KNOTHOLE BRAIN TRUST** GATHERS TO FIND...

-- AND ALL I HAD TO DO WAS **THINK** I WANTED TO **GO** SOMEWHERE --

YOU **FORGETTING** SOMETHING?

IF YOU CAME UP WITH THE **ORIGINAL THOUGHT**, WHAT DID THE **NANITES** DO?

GOOD POINT --

-- AND **LOOK!**

MY **SHELL** BECOMES A **JET-PACK!**

-- EXCEPT I **ONLY** THOUGHT ABOUT GOING SOMEWHERE --

-- NOT WHERE AND HOW!!!

WRRROOAAAARRRRRUUMMI

WELL, EVERYONE --

-- I THINK THE **QUESTION** HAS BEEN **SETTLED** ONCE AND FOR ALL!

WE'RE JUST GOING FOR A TEST DRIVE

DEFINITELY NOT **THE END!**